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Major dismayed by renewed attacks

Tory leaders seek to silence party snipers

By NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

PRESSURE was mounting on the Conservative high command last night to silence Margaret Thatcher after the latest in a series of damaging criticisms of the government.

Mrs Thatcher's attack on the poll tax changes, on top of previous barbs attributed to her, has angered and depressed senior Tories. They fear that the party's prospects of re-election are "terminal" unless urgent action is taken to persuade her to hold her tongue, both in public and in private.

Mrs Thatcher's declaration in an interview with a Japanese journalist that she had no regrets about the community charge and her criticism of the increase in value-added tax to cut poll tax bills have increased the pressure on John Major at a time when Labour is enjoying a commanding lead in the opinion polls. The prime minister's "honeymoon period" came to a swift end under the impact of a deeper-than-expected recession and the conflict over health service reforms. He is also battling to preserve fragile Tory unity over Europe in the run-up to decisions on a single currency at the end of the year, and is coming under attack for panicking in the face of media hysteria over short-lived controversies such as bank charges and dangerous dogs.

While Mr Major yesterday conceded Mrs Thatcher's right to defend her policies, he is clearly dismayed by his predecessor's interventions. He was greatly annoyed by her pre-emptive strike over help for the Kurdish refugees in Iraq, and senior Tories are weary of hearing criticisms of the government ascribed to her. Mrs Thatcher is alleged to have described the cabinet as the "B-team" and to have said of Mr Major: "He is grey. He is nothing. He has no ideas. I have been deceived." She has denied both gibes.

Mrs Thatcher has had talks with both Mr Major and Cranley Onslow, the chairman of the 1922 committee, against the background of speculation, officially denied, that she is being urged to be more supportive.

Now leading party figures are calling for the party chairman or the chief whip to act. It has also been suggested that Lord Carrington, Lord Whitelaw or Cecil Parkinson might be prevailed upon to persuade Mrs Thatcher to keep her own counsel. But sources close to Mrs Thatcher said there was no need for such an appeal. "No matter what they say to her, she will continue to support the Major government and oppose the Labour alternative. In addition, she will, as ever, continue to promote her ideas," a senior aide said.

Mrs Thatcher's interview with Mobuhiko Ochiai was given at Claridges in April, and broadcast on Japanese television last month. Mr Ochiai subsequently used the transcript as the basis for an article in the magazine *Bart*. A British journalist obtained a copy of the transcript and had it translated back into English. During the interview, Mrs Thatcher defended the poll tax principle and said that to increase central subsidies for local government was a step on a road that would lead the country to ruin.

The prime minister said yesterday that Mrs Thatcher was perfectly entitled to voice her opinion, but added: "I took the view it was necessary to change the community charge. The principle of the community charge survives, the practice of it meant that it had to be changed. We changed it. I am sure that was the right thing to do." Mrs Thatcher declined to comment.

Reports of Mrs Thatcher's remarks overshadowed Mr Major's attempt last night to highlight the "calamity" that would befall the country if Labour were returned to power. In a speech in Suffolk, he said that Labour's new phrases could not hide its old prejudices.

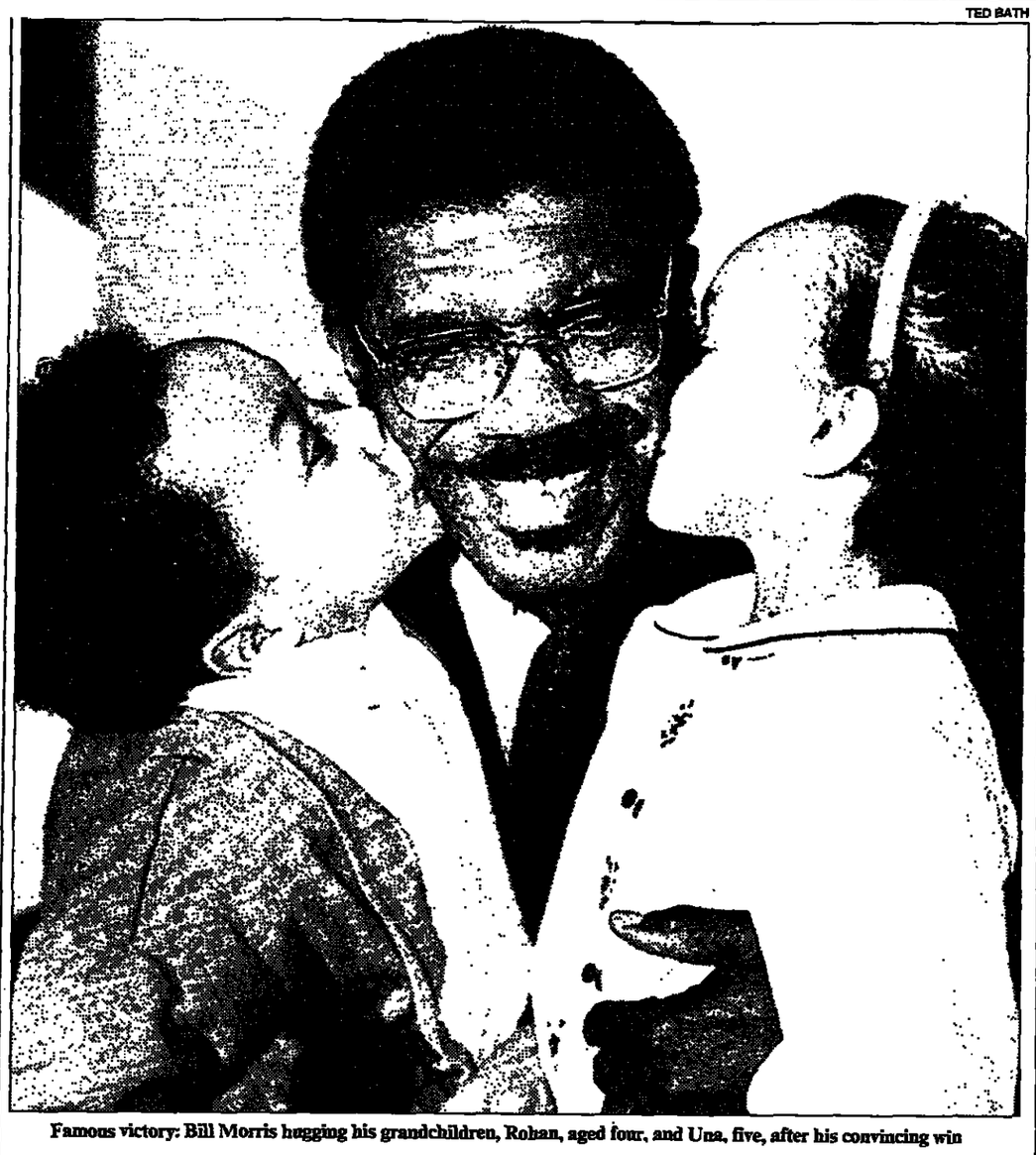
The differences between the two parties were as "clear and stark" as ever and he would not tolerate Labour imposters dressing themselves up in "the image of opportunity". The claim that Labour wanted to camp on Conservative territory could not be squared with the fact that for 12 years it had "battled week in and week out to devastate the same ground, burn the crops and salt the soil".

Labour were craven apologists for abuses of trade union power, wanted to bankroll clapped-out state bureaucracies, and had attacked every Conservative abolition of regulation and control. "Red roses in their lapels; red tape in their pockets. That is Labour's approach to British industry."

The prime minister contrasted Tory policies of stable prices, low taxes, home ownership, support for personal pensions and savings and better standards and choice in the public services with their "socialist" alternatives: "Higher taxes. Attacks on savings. More nationalisation, more bureaucracy, more interference with business success."

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TED BATH



Famous victory: Bill Morris hugging his grandchildren, Rohan, aged four, and Una, five, after his convincing win

SATURDAY REVIEW

PRINCE PHILIP BY BARBARA CARTLAND



"Lady Louis (Mountbatten) explained: 'That is Dickie's nephew Philip, who is on leave from his ship. He is fabulous and we love having him, but we are so overcrowded that he has to sleep in the attic'

The Duke of Edinburgh, who has since moved to larger premises, recalled by Barbara Cartland as his 70th birthday approaches

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CONSTABLE VIEWS



With the Tate's Constable exhibition opening next week, Richard Cork asks if trinkets for tourists have diminished the painter's reputation . . .

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TELEVISION



'Robert Lindsey and Michael Palin (above) *give inspired performances and their characters have been nicely, if rather schematically, set up in opposition to each other: the Bad, Mad Socialist and the Good, Worried Socialist'*

Lynne Truss on Alan Bleasdale's *G.B.H.*, full of good things, though not humour

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Amnesty criticises UK rights record

By QUENTIN COWDRY, HOME AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S record on human rights has been severely criticised in a wide-ranging report by Amnesty International.

The London-based human rights organisation says that against a whole range of benchmarks, from the treatment of terrorist suspects and trial procedures through to the handling of asylum applications, human rights in Britain are under threat. It accuses ministers of wilfully and persistently failing to address human rights concerns.

"The issues of concern are of such gravity as to seriously undermine confidence in human rights safeguards in the United Kingdom," the report, *United Kingdom: Human Rights Concerns*, says. Amnesty's strictures come against a background of renewed allegations that the security forces in Northern Ireland are operating a "shoot to kill" policy and of public disquiet about the effectiveness and probity of the legal system.

The alleged lack of safeguards for defendants in trials, the treatment of terrorist suspects and the apparently arbitrary way in which asylum seekers and other foreigners can be detained in Britain are singled out for particular criticism.

The report, whose publication was brought forward after details were leaked to the *Irish News*, says there can be no doubt that many terrorist suspects held by the Royal Ulster Constabularly have been ill-treated, although cases corroborated by the courts, it believes, represent only the tip of an iceberg.

While judges during several terrorist trials had dismissed confessions after allegations of mistreatment, and a number of former suspects had won compensation, few policemen had been prosecuted.

Amnesty called for the terms of reference of the royal commission on criminal justice, set up by the government after the freeing of the Birmingham Six, to be extended to Northern Ireland.

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£260m at risk as satellite spins

A finger on the wrong button has drained the Olympus satellite's batteries, as Nigel Hawkes reports

The world's biggest communications satellite, to which Britain has contributed £260 million, has broken down and appears beyond rescue.

British sources suggest that "finger trouble" — pressing the wrong button — ran the batteries flat and left the Olympus satellite, launched by the European Space Agency in July 1989, in a flat spin. ESA has set up an inquiry "to determine the technical or operational difficulties which led to the loss of spacecraft control". Because it is experimental, Olympus is believed to be uninsured.

René Collette, Director of Telecommunications Programmes for ESA, said yesterday: "One has to realise that the situation is extremely serious. There is very little chance of recovery unless we can get the crucial commands into the satellite to enable the batteries to start accumulating charge again."Olympus, was built by British Aerospace and largely funded by Britain and Italy.

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BT chairman awarded 43% pay increase

By ANGELA MACKAY

THE salary of Iain Vallance, British Telecom chairman, jumped 43 per cent, to £536,303, after the company boosted pre-tax profits 14 per cent, to £3.08 billion, in the year to March 30.

Mr Vallance's pay included a performance-related bonus of £150,000, determined after the close of the financial year. The chairman's payment is set by a committee of non-executive directors chaired by John Raisman, the non-executive deputy chairman.

In the previous year, the chairman's salary also included a bonus but no breakdown was given.

Sitting with Mr Raisman on the remuneration committee are several leading figures from British corporations, including Paul Bosonnet, deputy chairman of BOC Group, Geoffrey Mulcahy, chairman of Kingfisher, and Sir David Scholey, chairman of SG Warburg, who recently suffered a well-publicised pay cut from £710,000 to £518,000.

British Telecom said Mr Vallance's bonus reflected not only the increase in profit, but also the successful restructuring of the company. About 6,000 Telecom managers were on similar performance-related personal contracts.

A straw poll by *The Times* of some of Telecom's biggest institutional shareholders showed they believed Mr Vallance's pay rise was acceptable, particularly since a main reason for the company's increased profitability in 1990-91 was the cost cutting involving an 8 per cent decrease in staff.

One fund manager said: "An amount of money of that order is not unusual for a company of BT's size."

The award was condemned by Labour's campaigns co-ordinator John Cunningham, who called it an abuse of management power.

Summit date in balance

A SUPERPOWER summit this summer hung in the balance yesterday as James Baker, the US Secretary of State, met his Soviet counterpart, Aleksandr Bessmertnykh, in an attempt to pave the way for a treaty to cut their stockpiles of the most lethal long-range nuclear weapons (Our Foreign Staff writes).

President Bush wants the treaty ready for signature at a Moscow summit by early July. Mr Baker said last night the two sides were moving towards the "endgame". But as Mr Bessmertnykh arrived in Geneva last night he said he did not expect a breakthrough, although he wanted to move the matter forward.

Morris win is boost for left

By PHILIP BASSETT
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BRITAIN'S biggest union yesterday elected the first black trade union leader when Bill Morris was declared the new general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union.

The election of Mr Morris, the TGWU's deputy general secretary, will be welcomed by the leaderships of the Labour party and the Trades Union Congress as the result most likely to cause the least disruption in the running of the politically divided TGWU. Neil Kinnock, the Labour

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INSIDE

England rally in Test match

England's bowlers hit back in the Headingley Test match yesterday reducing the West Indies to 166 for eight, still 32 behind on first innings.

The tourists were saved from complete collapse by an unbeaten 73 from captain Viv Richards.....Page 40

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Treatment plan

Sex offenders jailed for four years or more are to receive specialist treatment in up to 20 jails in England and Wales, the home secretary said yesterday.....Page 4

Stan Getz dies

Saxophonist Stan Getz, the jazz innovator who is best known for his recording of *The Girl from Ipanema*, has died aged 64.....Page 14

Plea to families

British families are being discouraged from adopting Romanian orphans after a report that some babies are infected with the viruses that cause Aids.....Page 24

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Eating Neil Kinnock into Downing Street

By JAMIE DETTMER

A ROSY glitter came to Labour party fund-raising efforts yesterday when more than 200 well-heeled writers, bankers, actors and others attended an American-style £500-a-head celebrity dinner to help finance Neil Kinnock's efforts to reach Downing Street.

The irony of backing a party that wants to introduce what some see as a punitive tax regime for the wealthy was not lost on many who attended the dinner-dance at the Park Lane hotel in Mayfair. The diners seemed well-prepared to deal with any tabloid press taunts of being Gucci socialists and champagne revolutionaries.

"I suppose it does take a certain nerve to support a party which is going to take a lot of our money in taxes," admitted Ken Follett, the crime writer who has been heavily involved in advising Labour on ways of attracting funds from the wealthy. "When John Smith becomes Chancellor of the Exchequer I will lose a fortune. But Britain will be a better place." One merchant banker said: "Socialism is not a religion. You don't need to wear sackcloth and ashes. We did well under the Tories with tax reductions. But what we have been getting is funny money and I will not regret losing it under Labour."



Labour diners: Sir Kenneth Berrill, Stephen Fry, John Mortimer

For their £500, diners, who included playwright John Mortimer, televison presenter Melvyn Bragg and Sir Kenneth Berrill, the first chairman of the Securities and Investments Board, were treated to a five-course meal, a speech by Mr Kinnock, the opportunity to discuss politics with members of the shadow cabinet and the chance to bid for a signed copy of Mr Follett's latest book.

The comedian, Stephen Fry, acting as master of ceremonies, also auctioned a final draft of the television series, *A Very British Coup*, signed by Chris Mullin, the Labour MP who wrote the novel on which the drama was based. Last night's dinner did not appear to lend weight to the main thrust of Mr Mullin's book, which dealt with a Labour government being undermined by the gnomes of London. The Park Lane hotel was full of a new breed of bankers, accountants and management consultants critical of Conservative economic policies. This group has all the makings of a new Labour establishment which could well be called on to act as informal advisers to a Kinnock government.

"A lot of people in the City were afraid until recently to appear to support Labour," said Jon Norton, a merchant banker. "It is extraordinary how times have changed. The atmosphere altered in the months leading up to when Mrs Thatcher left Downing Street and when the recession first started to grip the economy. I think there are many in the City who do not believe the answer lies in free enterprise; they want a different blend of policies." Yesterday's dinner,

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Row over Thatcher interview deepens Tory MPs' gloom

By NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MARGARET Thatcher's biting criticism of the U-turn over the poll tax yesterday served only to compound the gloom on the Conservative benches about the government's prospects.

With the latest Gallup poll showing Labour eight points ahead, most MPs and ministers described Mrs Thatcher's remarks in an interview with a Japanese television station as unhelpful at the very least, and urged the party high command to take steps to persuade her to hold her tongue.

Some senior Tories displayed genuine anger, with one backbencher denouncing her as a liability and saying that her continuing inability to admit that she had ever been wrong showed the real reason her cabinet colleagues had turned against her.

A few MPs came to her defence, however, saying that she was entitled to state her views, especially on what she had described as the "flagship" of her third term.

The remarks were made in a two-hour interview with a station called TVS, recorded in April and broadcast in early May. Extracts are to be published on Monday in *Bart* magazine, owned by the same company as the television station.

Mrs Thatcher said in the interview that she had no regrets over the community charge. She had not brought it in with the aim of winning the next election; she had been looking 10 or 20 years ahead and had been seeking to stop "selfish" people demanding better services without being willing to pay for them.

Mrs Thatcher attacked directly the government's decision to slash £140 from everyone's poll tax bill by raising VAT from 15 per cent to 17.5 per cent.

"If local government comes to rely entirely on subsidies from central government – in other words rely on support from heavy taxes levied on the citizens as a whole," she said, "then eventually the entire country will go to ruin."

One cabinet minister commented: "It's not helping anyone, but I think it's damaging her more than the government or John Major, especially on the poll tax, where there was widespread public support for what was done."

Among Tory MPs to criticise Mrs Thatcher yesterday were Sir Peter Tapsell, MP for Lindsey East and one of Michael Heseltine's campaign managers in the leadership contest, Edwina Currie, a former health minister, and Jerry Hayes, MP for Harlow.

Sir Peter accused Mrs Thatcher of weakening Mr Major's authority. In her own interests she should concentrate on her memoirs. Her remarks were unfortunate and would be increasingly resented by the whole of the parliamentary party.

"She suffered very much at the hands of Mr Heath when he did this sort of thing. She should make it clear [Mr Major] has her full support and she should not give interviews which could be misinterpreted," he said on BBC Radio 4's *The World at One*.

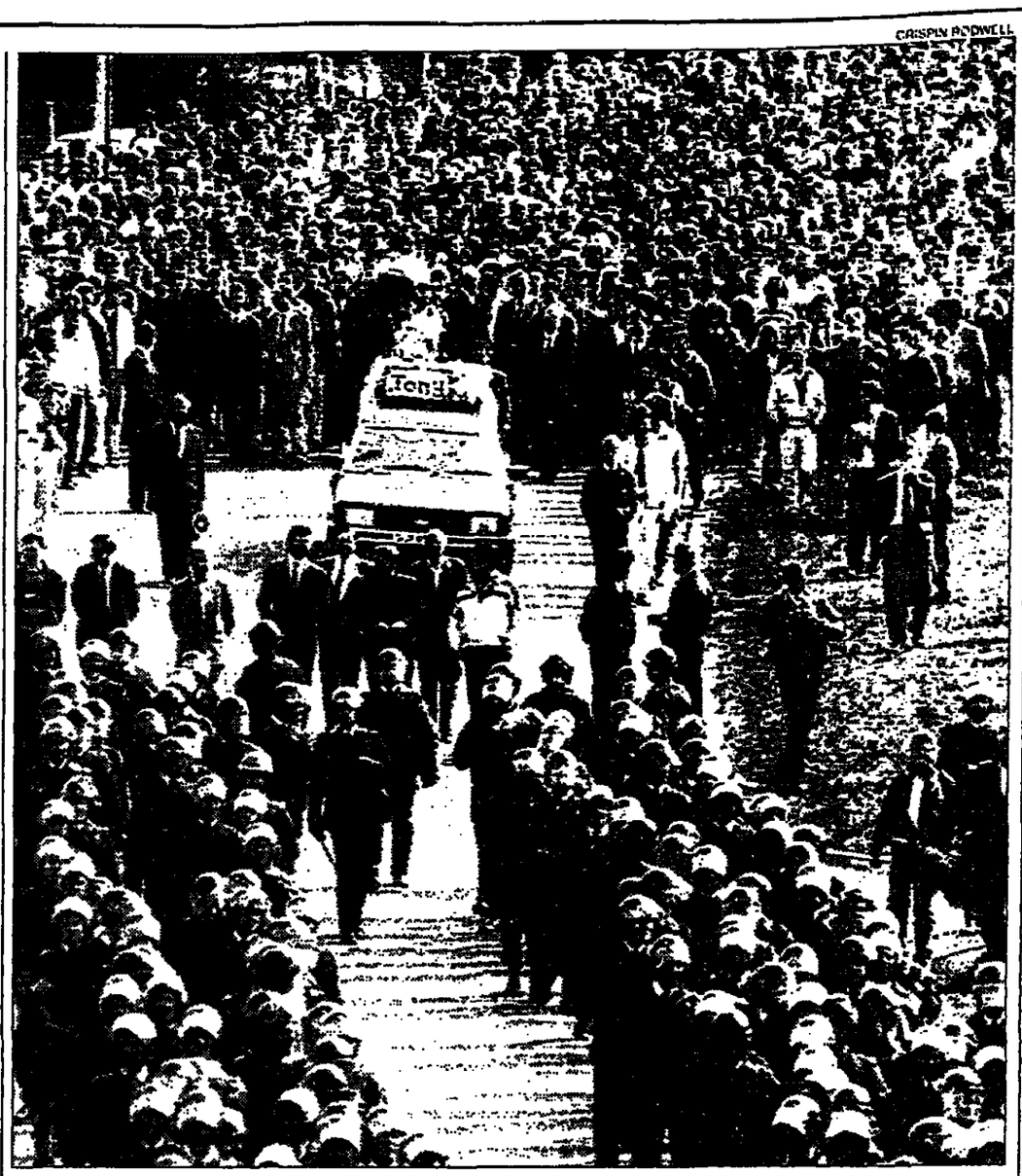
Mrs Currie urged Mrs Thatcher to concentrate on attacking Labour. Mr Hayes said: "I can understand her disappointment, her bitterness, but no one appreciates the need for party unity more than Mrs Thatcher herself.

"To continue these damaging statements not only destabilises the party but demeans her glittering achievements."

Mrs Thatcher was supported by Richard Shepherd, MP for Aldridge-Brownhills, who said she was entitled to promote her views on "her showpiece piece of legislation". David Evans, MP for Welwyn Hatfield, said: "Mrs Thatcher is not a rottweiler and doesn't need a muzzle."

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CRISPIN RODWELL



IRA funeral: Riot police leading the funeral through Coalisland, Co Tyrone, yesterday, of Tony Doris, one of three IRA men shot dead by security forces on Monday. Peter Ryan was also buried yesterday while Lawrence McNally, third member of the gang intercepted on a murder mission, will be buried in the Irish Republic today

Joseph tells how he was silenced

By JOHN O'LEARY
HIGHER EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

UNIVERSITIES and polytechnics are still suffering for the excesses of student militants in the 1960s and 1980s, Lord Joseph, the former education secretary, said yesterday.

Speaking at a higher education conference at Wolfson College, Oxford, he said that the denial of the freedom of speech on campuses had been responsible for a breakdown of trust between universities and government.

Lord Joseph said: "I took a rather unusual and unpopular message to campuses on 150 occasions. I was silenced, of all the shocking things, on six occasions."

Of the six vice-chancellors responsible for the campuses concerned, only Sir Ralf Dahrendorf, then director of the London School of Economics, had written immediately to express shame at the behaviour of the students, and to offer to chair a new meeting to prevent a repetition.

Andrew Smith, Labour's higher education spokesman, agreed that freedom of speech was of fundamental importance, but argued that the right to criticise and protest was equally important. He said that he might have been among the protestors outside one of Lord Joseph's meetings.

Lord Joseph accused universities and polytechnics of tolerating mediocrity and failing to make full use of the managerial flexibility given to them by the government. More independent advice, along the lines of *Which?* magazine surveys, was needed to guide parents and students on standards.

Lord Joseph was especially critical of university and polytechnic education departments for failing to spotlight poor teaching in schools.

Mr Smith repeated Labour's promise to establish an independent higher education standards council.

Dual attacks on EC 'dithering' by Major

By SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR and Liberal Democrat spokesmen accused John Major yesterday of dodging decisions on the future of Europe for fear of splitting the Conservative party in the run-up to the next general election.

At an international conference of the European Movement, Gerald Kaufman, the shadow foreign secretary, and the Liberal Democrat leader Paddy Ashdown both warned the prime minister not to delay any longer over moves for closer unity on political, foreign and defence policies. Their dual attack comes as Mr Major prepares to meet the German chancellor Helmut Kohl tomorrow to discuss the agenda for the Luxembourg EC summit.

However, at the same conference in London Tristan Garel-Jones, the Foreign Office minister, made clear that the government would firmly resist the introduction of rules to force through Community-wide decisions on foreign policy by majority voting.

"A move in that direction," he said, "would be a move towards acrimony and procedural wrangling. It would be a step backwards and would weaken Europe's voice in the world."

Mr Kaufman said: "John Major's dithering on Europe, aimed at kicking the issue into touch until after a general election whose date is not within his control, is damaging Britain immensely."

Mr Ashdown said: "The Conservative priority is to find forms of words that will keep the party publicly together until a UK general election."

Councillor held after IRA killing

By PETER DE IONNO

HUGH Brady, a Sinn Fein councillor for Londonderry, was among four men arrested yesterday by police investigating the murder of a man the IRA said had been killed because he was a police informer.

The RUC refused to comment on the IRA statement, which was made after the hooded and barefoot body of Rory Finnis, aged 21, was found behind shops in the republican Creggan area of Londonderry.

The IRA said that it had shot Mr Finnis because he had given security forces information about its members and safe houses.

Mr Finnis, from the Waterside area of Londonderry, had been missing since Saturday.

Magistrates face skills test in Mackay training scheme

By FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

MAGISTRATES are to be tested on skills such as communicating with people in court and leading discussion in the retiring room under training proposals for JPs announced yesterday by the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern.

The compulsory assessment of magistrates by their peers, by judges or justices' clerks, is part of a new training programme for magistrates who want to chair the bench. It is to be brought in over the next five years.

Under the proposals, which have gone to courts committees, there will be three courses for training magistrates on chairmanship: an introductory course for JPs in their fourth year; a basic compulsory course on chairmanship for magistrates appointed since 1988, and a refresher course to be taken every five years by all magistrates taking the chair.

The basic and refresher courses should contain "a substantial element of appraisal", Lord Mackay said yesterday in an address to the Berkshire Magistrates' Association. By 1996, no magistrate would be allowed to take the chair unless he or she had taken a fully recognised chairmanship course within the previous five years.

The appraisal will cover communicating with colleagues, with the clerk and those in court, announcing decisions and leading discussion in the retiring room. Lord Mackay said that how courts were chaired was of importance to the reputation and image of the magistracy.

The basic chairmanship course will teach magistrates the skills for taking the chair, he said. They would then be appraised as ready to take the chair, or allowed to take the chair with further help, or to be not yet ready. Most JPs were expected to come into the first two groups.

Magistrates would then take the chair with an experienced chairman at least six times over 12 months, after which it was expected that their names would go on the list of competent chairmen.

Stalwart of church dies

Margaret Hewitt, a leading opponent of women's ordination in the Church of England, died yesterday, aged 62. Senior churchmen described her death as a tragic loss to the church and to Women Against the Ordination of Women, of which she was the joint founder and chairman.

Dr Hewitt was one of the most active lay members of the church. She was a member of the church assembly and then of the general synod from 1961. She was a stalwart of the Prayer Book Society.

Oswald Clark, former chairman of the synod's house of laity, said: "The whole church will be greatly the poorer for her passing. In a time in which we cultivate the grey, she was outstanding and very colourful indeed.

"It was not just that she wore notable hats; she was an outstanding debater, thinker and a first-class chairman."

Sentence cut

A Londoner convicted of murdering a Briton at a Corfu disco two years ago has had his jail sentence reduced from 13 years to 4½ years. Richard Smith Anderson, aged 21, a scaffolder from Stepney, was sentenced last October for stabbing to death Christopher Beechinor, aged 24, of Weston, Bath. An appeal court in Igoumenitsa, Greece, reduced the murder charge to one of causing deadly injury.

Orkney appeal

Three judges will give a decision on the Orkney appeal next week after five days of legal argument at the Court of Session in Edinburgh. Gordon Sloan, former interim reporter to the Orkney children's panel, is appealing against a ruling by Sheriff David Kelbie, who said that procedures by the panel in the alleged sexual abuse case involving nine children was so fundamentally flawed as to be incompetent.

Penny pinching

Allerdale district council in Cumbria is to apologise to John Cowen, aged 62, a farmer, after a bailiff went to his home to collect a penny owing on his £284.86 poll tax bill. Mr Cowen was given a bill for £23.09, comprising £10 court costs, £12.50 for the bailiff, 58p for the cost of a Giro cheque, and the outstanding 1p.

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Man in the News

End of racism's closed shop

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

A HIGHLY unpleasant slogan chalked on workplace walls – "Don't let the coon call the tune" – brought to the surface the racism which lurked behind the contest for the leadership of Britain's biggest union. Bill Morris, by becoming general secretary of the transport workers and Britain's first black trade union leader, has comprehensively demolished it.

Squashed in the TGWU's Transport House boardroom yesterday in front of a phalanx of camera crews and reporters, including a number from black journals, Mr Morris was as clear in victory on the race issue as he had been throughout the campaign.

"I did not want a single vote because I was black," he said. "Neither did I want to *lose* a single vote because I was black. I was not the black candidate. I was the candidate who was black." A subtle distinction, but in a union whose dockers marched in the "rivers of blood" era, a crucial one.

There were many in the TGWU who never thought the union would elect someone who was black. Mr Morris has been proving such people wrong since he first became involved in the union.

Born in Jamaica as the son of a part-time farmer and part-time policemen, he came to Britain in 1952, and was elected to his first union post in 1963 as a shop steward at a West Midlands plant.

From there, he rose: district officer, district secretary, national secretary for passenger services, finally in 1985 to deputy general secretary. Though opponents regard him wrongly as an unreconstructed hard-line left-winger, he has been at the forefront of those trying to reposition the TGWU for the changed political, economic and labour market world of the 1990s.

As general secretary from next March when Ron Todd retires, he will face being the one to carry the can if such initiatives do not work.

Mr Morris has got the job he wanted. But with membership still plummeting, a record financial deficit and key recognition agreements likely to go to other unions, to say nothing of the bitter factional infighting which has characterised the TGWU in recent years, no job in British unions is a hotter seat.

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Tests add confusion to crash theory

Simulations of the Lauda Air crash suggest there may have been more than one cause. **Harvey Elliott** investigates

AIRLINES and aircraft manufacturers around the world were trying last night to recreate on simulators the sequence of events which caused the crash of the Lauda Air Boeing 767 jet in Thailand with the loss of 223 lives.

The most likely cause of the crash was the plane's engine being thrown into reverse, but as no aircraft has ever been flown with a thrust reverser fully deployed, experts have no precise idea as to the outcome.

Many engineers believe that unless the pilot took immediate action to shut down the engine within a few seconds, the aircraft would yaw violently and a wing would rise, flipping the aircraft onto its back and exceeding the jet's design limitations. Others argue that it would create no more than an uncomfortable buffeting and that the aircraft would continue to fly almost normally.

Initial results from the simulator have failed to provide any rational explanation and there is a growing suspicion that the deployment of the reverse thrust in flight – which has now been proved by the crash investigators – was not, after all, the sole cause of the crash.

Reverse thrust on a modern engine such as the Pratt and Whitney 4060, which powered the doomed jet, is controlled rigorously by a series of in-built checks which should make its selection impossible except when the aircraft is on the ground. The Rolls-Royce engines used by British Airways in their 767s have even more in-built checks.

As the aircraft lands, a sensor built into the main undercarriage informs the computers that systems designed for use on the ground can be used. The reverse thrust, a system of louvres which guide the cold flow forward rather than backwards, is used to slow the aircraft on landing and, if the sensor is working properly, can be deployed only when the aircraft is on the runway.

The pilot then pulls the reverse thrust lever which again he cannot do unless the throttles are at or near idle. If the reverse thrust system is used too early the throttles are retarded automatically to a safe speed.

Through a system of electrical impulses sent to the mechanism by the engine's computer system, hydraulic fluid is forced through pipes to push back the rear part of the engine cowling. Again this cannot happen unless all the other checks have been made by the aircraft's computers.

As the cowling slides back it exposes a number of louvres and forces a double "door" across the flow of cold air, deflecting it through the louvres forwards, rather than to the rear of the engine.

Normally about 80 per cent of the engine's 56,000lb of thrust is produced by this cold air and 20 per cent by the hot gases produced in the combustion and turbine stages. Around half of that 80 per cent – in total about 40 per cent of the total thrust produced by the engine – is then forced foward to act as a brake.

If, somehow, all normal checks should fail and the thrust reverser deployed inadvertently, a warning light would flash on the cathode ray screen in front of the crew, as apparently it did on the fatal flight. According to the transcript of the cockpit voice recorder such a warning was seen more than five minutes before the aircraft broke up. The pilot, however, said it was "coming on and off", indicating, as he himself believed, that there was a fault in the electrics leading to the light itself rather than with the system.

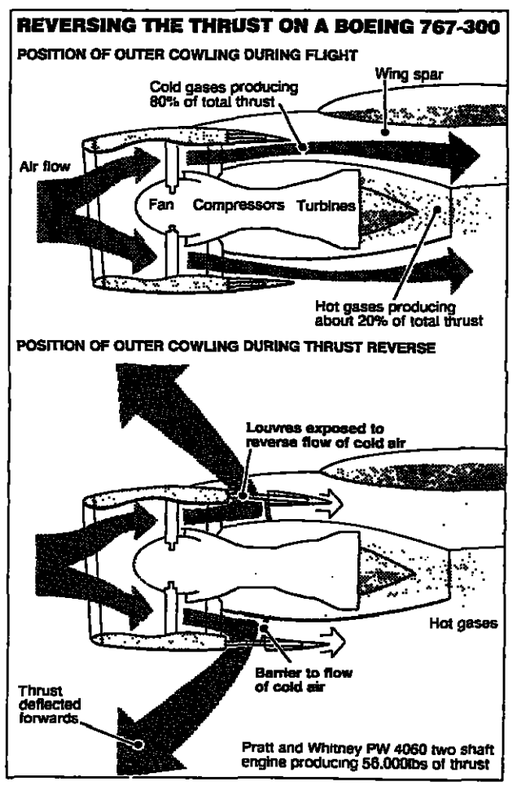
Boeing has issued a list of instructions on what to do if the warning light goes on but because such a problem has not been considered serious, the routine for dealing with it is relaxed and, according to some pilots, confusing.

Normally, nothing should be done, except to make amendments to the landing procedure in case the lift on the leading edges of the wing has been destroyed. If it persists the engine, which should come back to idle speed automatically, should be shut down. In an emergency this can be done by pulling the fire handle which shuts off instantly all fuel supply to the engine.

The pilot of the Lauda aircraft apparently did nothing for almost ten minutes from the first warning light flashing and for 38 seconds after saying that the reverser had "deployed".

What happened in those ten minutes is almost as great a mystery today as it was on the day of the crash, but every airline with the 364 Boeing 767s in service around the world, and especially those 32 which are powered by the Pratt and Whitney 4060 engine, are desperate to find the answer.

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Police seek motive for frenzied killing of businesswoman

By Stewart Tendler, crime correspondent

SCOTLAND Yard detectives were trying last night to discover the motive behind the murder of a businesswoman found stabbed in her parked Jaguar car in west London. According to police yesterday, there was no sign of a sexual attack on Ruth Penelope Bell nor any evidence of robbery.

Mrs Bell, aged 43, who has two children aged nine and 11, was discovered at midday on Thursday slumped at the wheel of her blue XJS car in the car park of a swimming pool at Gurnell Grove, Greenford.

The pool is more than ten miles from her £500,000 family home in Bakers Wood, Denham, Buckinghamshire, and there was no sign that she planned to swim.

Police are studying the dead woman's diary, which was found in her handbag, for some clue to why she went to the pool. They want to know why she stopped off on her way to work at the employment agency in Kilburn where she was a director.

Mrs Bell left home at 9.50am on Thursday and was at the car park at 11am. Two women saw her slumped in the driver's seat but thought she was asleep. They alerted police when they found her in the same position an hour later after returning from swimming.

A police spokesman said yesterday that a post mortem examination showed Mrs Bell died of multiple stab wounds to her chest and arms, which would have left her attacker heavily bloodstained. "The attack was obviously so frenzied and so quick, she didn't have time to do anything," he said. A knife with a four-inch blade was used. Police have not ruled out the possibility that she was killed by a stranger who forced his way into her car.

One key area of the police investigation is where Mrs Bell went in the 70 minutes after leaving her house for the last time. She may have driven to the swimming pool with someone else or been joined there by someone driving another car or on foot.

Police are appealing for any witnesses in the area of the swimming pool on Thursday morning. They also want to hear from anyone using the pool regularly who has noticed anything suspicious recently.



Mrs Bell: found stabbed to death in her Jaguar

Detective Superintendent Brian Edwards, in charge of the investigation, said that Mrs Bell's husband, Alistair, who identified the body, and her two children, Lauren, aged nine, and Matthew, aged 11, were staying with friends. Mr Edwards said he would be talking to Mr Bell later.

There was speculation yesterday that the killing might have some link with the murder of Alison Shaughnessy, aged 21, at Battersea, south London, on Monday evening. She was also stabbed to death and police have yet to establish any motive. Police in both investigations have been in contact but Mr Edwards said there were no links yet.

Mrs Bell was a partner with her husband in Coverstaff Ltd, based in Kilburn Square, northwest London, which supplies kitchen and waiting staff. Michael Flynn, who set up the agency with Mrs Bell 20 years ago, said yesterday that he was devastated at what had happened.

The firm has four branches and full company accounts for the financial year 1988-9 showed that the four directors received salaries totalling £100,000 as well as having company cars. The records show Mrs Bell and Mr Flynn as the two main directors and their spouses as nominal share holders.



Caring touch: Doug Mills, a British Herpetological Society campaigner, offering a protective hand to one of the rare sand lizards being taken by poachers at Canford Heath, near Poole, in Dorset. The heath is patrolled by wardens to stop collectors from stealing the protected reptiles, which can fetch up to £300 on the black market (Peter De Ioano writes). The wardens, who believe that 25 sand lizards were recently taken in a single haul, have appealed to the public to help to protect the heath's depleted stock. "This amounts to rape of a protected species, and the public must be on the look-out," Mr Mills said. "If you see someone on heathland with a plastic box, they are out hunting lizards." Poachers face a fine of up to £2,000 for each reptile.

Rainy-day plea to use water wisely

By Robin Young

AS RAIN poured down in eastern districts yesterday, with more than an inch of rain in three hours in some areas affected by thunderstorms, Tony Baldry, the junior environment minister, urged people to make a little water go a long way.

Speaking at the National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners' annual conference in Weston-super-Mare, Mr Baldry said: "We need to use water wisely and not waste it. ... Sprinklers can use in an hour as much water as an average family in a day. Grass, he said, should not usually be watered at all.

The environment department pointed out that one day's rain is not going to solve the country's water problems. The past three years have been exceptionally dry, and groundwater levels in parts of the South-East and East are still well below normal after three dry winters and two hot, dry summers. Last month was the driest May since 1896.

After some sunshine today, rain spreading from the west should ensure that everywhere in the British Isles, save Shetland, is soaked by evening. Sunday promises scattered showers, heavy in places.

A cool start to June has brought a surge of bookings for holidays in the Mediterranean and the United States, tour operators reported yesterday. British temperatures are not expected to exceed 17C today, compared with 28C in Greece and 27C on the Costa del Sol. In Florida temperatures could reach 32C (90F).

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Perjury case paper rewritten, QC says

By Craig Seton

SCIENTIFIC analysis showed that detectives rewrote parts of an interview in which a robbery suspect admitted his guilt, it was alleged yesterday at Oxford crown court.

On the second day of the trial of four officers of the West Midlands serious crime squad, the prosecution claimed that the incriminating interview with the suspect had never taken place.

It was also alleged that tests conducted by investigating police officers showed that it was highly unlikely that the interview could have been carried out and certified in the time the detectives stated.

Michael Quin, aged 51, a retired detective constable; Detective Sergeant David Ford, aged 38; Detective Sergeant Anthony Ball, aged 45; and Detective Inspector Terry Mills, aged 48, all from Birmingham, have each denied intent to pervert the course of justice and perjury.

The charges relate to events after the arrest in 1986 of Keith Parchment, a West Indian man from Birmingham who in 1987 was jailed for five years for robbery.

Michael Worsley, QC, for the prosecution, said that electro-static document analysis tests on the eight pages of an interview which detectives said they had carried out with Parchment showed there had been another version of the last page, which had disappeared and been replaced.

He told the jury: "It is evidence of a rewrite, for some reason. I have suggested to you the reason was evil."

The trial continues on Monday.

Strippergram man jailed for 4 years

By Bill Frost

A MALE strippergram convicted of assaulting two women was jailed for four years yesterday. Michael Crosby, aged 32, who dressed as a police officer for his act, was told by Judge Macrae at Kingston crown court that he had humiliated and degraded his victims.

Crosby, from Tottenham, north London, a former stockbroker, was a potential menace to women, the judge said. He had handcuffed his victims and subjected them to "outrageous indignities". One, Sarah Ward, was assaulted by Crosby during her 22nd birthday party at a Chinese restaurant. Crosby abused the woman with a sex aid. "The fact it was done in a public place with everyone around laughing because they could not see what you were doing made her predicament even more shaming," the judge told him.

Crosby carried out his second attack last April on Jaqueline O'Sullivan during a party at Twickenham Rugby Club. "You degraded her, humiliated her, terrified her, stripped her, and then paraded her about in front of the male guests as though she were some object," the judge said.

Judge Macrae jailed Crosby for three-and-a-half years for the assault on Ms Ward, and a concurrent term of four years for the attack on Ms O'Sullivan.

During Crosby's trial, the jury had been told that he arrived at parties dressed either as a police officer or Rambo. He carried an army kitbag containing bottles of baby oil and female underwear for his act. The court was told that Crosby kept a diary describing each of his victims.

Counsel for Crosby, who pleaded for leniency, said his client had lost weight and become distressed while on remand awaiting sentence. He looked ill and had been shocked by his experiences behind bars. The treatment meted out by other prisoners had compelled the authorities to place Crosby in solitary confinement.



Crosby: humiliated and terrified women

Brothers detained for murder

TWO schoolboy brothers whose "orgy of violence" led to the deaths of a pensioner and her son after a trivial traffic accident, were yesterday ordered to be detained indefinitely.

George Phillip, aged 17, and Brian Phillip, aged 16, were convicted at the Central Criminal Court on murder charges. The Recorder of London, Judge Verney, directed that they should be held during Her Majesty's pleasure. They will be kept at a youth penal establishment and transferred to an adult prison when they are 21.

Eileen Daide, a widow aged 84, and her son, Philip Cosburn, aged 43, were repeatedly stabbed with a bowie knife and bludgeoned with a metal clutch plate weighing 11lb, the court heard. They were attacked at their home in Manor Park, east London, for revenge last October after Mr Cosburn, a volunteer charity worker, had refused to pay for a minor dent he had caused accidentally to the Phillips family car.

George Phillip was convicted by the jury of both murders. His brother was found guilty of Mr Cosburn's murder but cleared of murdering Mrs Daide, who was only 4ft 11in. The brothers, of Leyton, denied the charges. They showed no emotion as the detention order was made.

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Prince Philip — the early years

"Corfu, 1922: a fire burned in every grate as the four royal sisters consigned confidential documents to the devouring flames. There had been very little time to prepare for their impending escape. Calypso, a



cruiser of the British Navy, was standing offshore, and the four Greek princesses and their one-year-old brother, Prince Philip, were to make their way out to the ship in a small boat. They were going into exile . . ."

Tim Heald, from his biography of Prince Philip, in The Sunday Times tomorrow

A cold, sparkling gem of a beach

By Edward Gorman, Irish affairs correspondent

THERE is no such thing as a truly clean beach in the United Kingdom. But Benone Strand in Co Londonderry comes close to it.

Yesterday the seven miles of silky sand was looking its best, sparkling under a deep blue sky interrupted by the occasional wisp of cirrus cloud. A strong, biting north-northwest wind was blowing straight on to it from Donegal or perhaps Iceland, pushing the waves, in translucent lines six deep, on to the virtually deserted shore.

Strand was one of 35 winners of the coveted Blue Flag award sponsored by the European Community for cleanliness and good facilities. It was the only beach chosen in Northern Ireland and it was the overall favourite of the judges, who described it as one of the finest beaches in the world.

It is udoubtedly a beautiful sweep of land running from Castlerock near Portstewart in the east to Magilligan Point at the entrance to Lough Foyle and Londonderry.

The sands run up to dunes covered with marram grass, kidney-vetch and a large variety of wild flowers, set against the backdrop of the basalt cliffs, now covered in hardwood, against which the waves crashed thousands of years ago.

There were perhaps 20 to 30 people enjoying the sea air, some with dogs, others with toddlers paddling for the first time. The sand was clean but even here there was a steady pattern of litter, much of it apparently thrown from fishing boats and container craft.

Benone Strand, which has won the award for two years running, did not reach its present state by chance. Limavady borough council devotes considerable resources to keeping it up to scratch, including a 12-strong anti-litter squad which works all the year round.

It has built a recreation centre which impressed the judges by its pleasant design and nearness to the beach while not detracting from the scenery.

The only surprising aspect about Benone's accolade is that other beaches in Northern Ireland, one of the most underrated parts of the British Isles, were not awarded a Blue Flag too.

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Sex offenders to be given specialist treatment in prison

By QUENTIN COWDRY, HOME AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

SEX offenders jailed for four years or more are to receive specialist treatment in up to 20 jails in England and Wales, Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, said yesterday.

Confirming plans first reported in *The Times* in February, he acknowledged the inadequacy of the prison service's traditional approach of segregating sex offenders from other inmates, often giving them the worst conditions. The result, he said, was often a sense of persecution and a hardening of deviant attitudes.

Announcing the new policy, Mr Baker said: "Unless we try to tackle what has caused them to offend, many are likely to leave prison as dangerous as, if not more dangerous than, when they entered."

Under the scheme, the prison department is to establish a co-ordinated therapy programme for sex-offenders, which should be fully operational by next year. All sex offenders sentenced to four years' imprisonment or more will go to one of six jails for assessment. They will undergo a core treatment regime, tackling the distorted thought patterns that often drive crimes such as rape and paedophilia and trying to put over the trauma suffered by victims of sex crimes.

The most serious offenders will receive more extensive therapy, perhaps up to a year, working closely with psychologists, psychiatrists, prison officers and relatives. Pilot projects will begin this autumn.

About 20 per cent of sex criminals re-offend on leaving jail, although research in America and Canada indicates that the rate can be cut to 12 per cent after therapy.

Inmates selected for extended treatment will be based at the assessment jails, while those on the core programme will be divided between 15 other prisons, each with specially-trained staff.

Mr Baker said that it was important that the rehabilitative work did not stop when the offenders left jail. Probation officers would have to be ready to take over where the prison service left off.

Don Grubin, lecturer in forensic psychiatry at the Institute of Psychiatry in London and one of the country's authorities on the causes of sex offending, welcomed the scheme but said that much detail needed to be worked out. Decisions were needed over the extent to which health service and other non-prison expertise would be used in delivering the therapy.

The National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders said that the programme was a crucial step in reducing sexual re-offending. However, a spokesman added: "This will not work properly unless more money is also provided for treatment centres for sex offenders in the community. The resources now available for such centres are paltry."

The Prison Reform Trust said that probation officer training would have to be increased and more hostels provided.

Antique glass vase for sale at £1.76m

By OUR ART MARKET CORRESPONDENT

ONE OF the most valuable pieces of glass in the world, a 14th century Syrian Islamic vase, goes on sale for $3million (£1.76 million) at Grosvenor House Antiques Fair, which opens in London next Wednesday.

The vase is a remarkable example of Islamic enamelling inscribed with eulogistic praises to the Sultan of Mansur. Christopher Sheppard, the antique glass dealer, acquired it from a member of the Italian royal family. "This is the best of the enamelled glasses to survive apart from the so-called Luck of Eden Hall glass at the V&A museum" Mr Sheppard says.

● Christie's hopes to boost the modern art market in November with 49 important works by artists such as Mondrian, Braque and Miró, and estimated at more than £20 million. They are from the collection of the late Burton Tremaine, an American lighting and sheet metal magnate.

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STEPHEN MARLOW

Handle with care: Christopher Sheppard holds one of the world's most valuable pieces of glass, a 14th century Syrian vase for sale at Grosvenor House next week

Gun salute and plain sailing for Duke of Edinburgh

By ALAN HAMILTON

THE Duke of Edinburgh and the Queen will spend his 70th birthday noisily on Monday, attending a celebratory 41-gun salute in Hyde Park with Sir Denis Thatcher and a battery of other old gunners to launch a £15 million appeal for a national artillery museum. Margaret Thatcher, whose grasp of gunnery is confined to the verbal, will also attend the ceremony.

Fired by the King's Troop, Royal Horse Artillery, a salute of such size is normal for a sovereign but a special favour to her consort to mark the onset of septuagenarianism. Another favour is the presentation of some unsolicited advice in *The Times* today from Barbara Cartland, delivered from the Olympian heights of an approaching 90th birthday.

The duke began his birthday celebrations last night with a sail down the Thames from Westminster Pier to Greenwich to attend a dinner at the Royal Naval College, where he once trained, given in his honour by the Variety Club, the showbusiness charity of which he is a life member. He will take the salute today at the second rehearsal on Horse Guards for the Queen's birthday parade.

The duke has come far since his birth on the kitchen table at the home on the island of Corfu of his father Prince Andrew of Greece. The family was driven into exile within a year, and Prince Philip of Greece spent his early years bounced across Europe between assorted sets of distant relatives before being taken into the care of his uncle, Earl Mountbatten.

Hard work has characterised his life as the Queen's consort, as seen by his dashing off last month to a meeting of the World Wide Fund for Nature in Sweden immediately after his return from the Queen's state visit to the United States.

Even his birthday will provide no respite: he will accompany the Queen to the opening of the new Sackler galleries at the Royal Academy and a reception at the Royal Society of Chemistry before he is finally allowed to have the rest of the evening off to spend quietly with his wife. Buckingham Palace said last night that no big family occasion was planned.

Celebrations will then continue for some weeks. Next Thursday, he will take the salute at Beating Retreat on Horse Guards, which this year will feature the massed bands of the Royal Marines as a tribute to the duke, their captain-general.

He and Prince Edward will attend a ball next Saturday on board the QE2, moored at Southampton, in aid of the Duke of Edinburgh's award scheme.

Youth organisations with which he is connected will stage a grand dinner for 2,000 guests at the end of July in a marquee in Windsor Great Park.

Two days later, there will be a fair and adventure day in the park for 5,000 young people, which the duke will attend. Neither salute-firing nor carriage-driving is on the agenda.

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Queen to open art gallery

By SARAH JANE CHECKLAND
ART MARKET CORRESPONDENT

THE royal family will preside over three key art events on Monday. The Queen will open the Sackler Gallery, designed by Sir Norman Foster within the Royal Academy, while the Queen Mother will open the Grosvenor House Fair, Britain's prestigious fine art fair in London. Meanwhile, the Prince of Wales will preside over the opening of the Tsui Gallery of Chinese art at the Victoria and Albert Museum.

The late Arthur M. Sackler, whose American foundation donated £9.6 million towards the Royal Academy gallery, became the subject of some controversy when his collection of ancient jewellery was shown in 1987. Jack Ogden, Britain's leading authority on ancient gold, doubted the authenticity of some pieces, and a closed-session seminar ensued. This month's *Antique Collector* quotes the conclusions: "There was a unanimous opinion that some of the pieces were not ancient."

Tsui Tsin Tong, a Hong Kong businessman who made a £1.25 million donation to the V&A, has recently been the subject of articles in the *South China Morning Post*, and the current *Antique Collector*, linking him to Norinco, the Chinese arms manufacturers which has supplied arms to Iraq. "Mr Tsui is not happy but he is not upset because he knows it is not true," said Gordon Chan, his spokesman, yesterday. He explained Mr Tsui's relationship with Norinco simply as landowner and distant tenant.

On July 9, the Queen will open the Sainsbury extension at the National Gallery. Lord Sainsbury recently launched his own broadside against the government for failing to fund art projects.

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Chess win for young British grandmaster

By RAYMOND KEENE, CHESS CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL Adams from Truro, Cornwall, the grandmaster aged 19 who was the youngest British champion in 1989 and the youngest British player to become a grandmaster, has won the international tournament at Terrassa, near Barcelona, Spain.

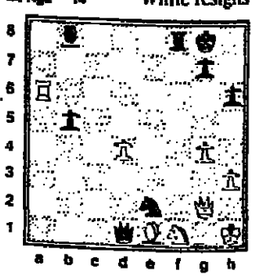
Adams raced for the lead and caught the Estonian grandmaster Jaan Ehlvest when Ehlvest lost in Thursday's final round to his fellow countryman Epishin. Adams also beat Ehlvest to ensure that he gains the victor's trophy on tie-break. Adams and Ehlvest shared the honours with 6½ points out of nine, ahead of the Russian grandmaster Vassily Ivanchuk on 5½.

The game that will have given Adams most pleasure was his victory against Ivanchuk, who is widely tipped as next challenger to the world champion Gary Kasparov.

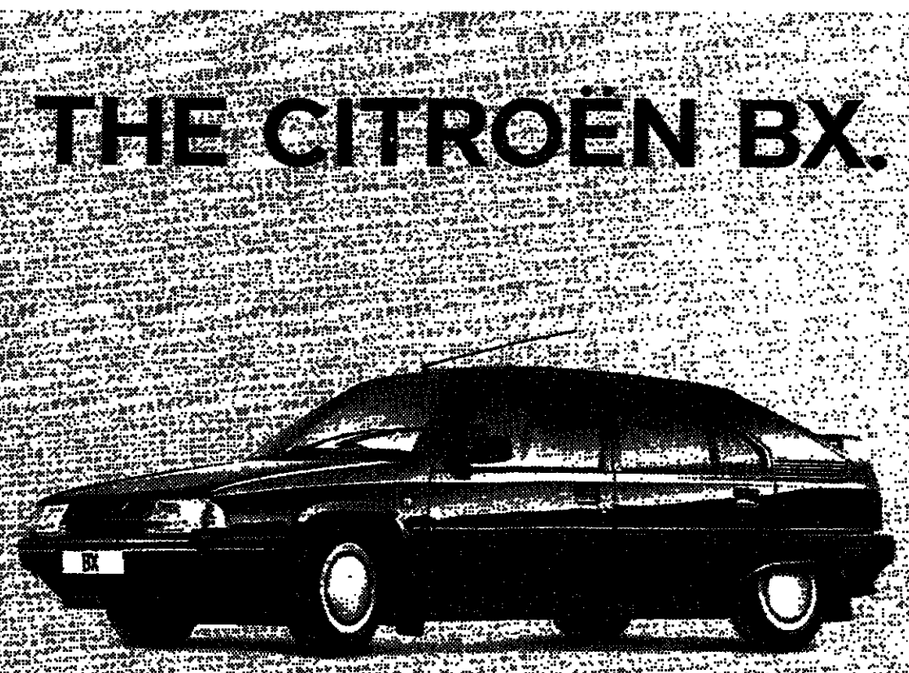
Adams, playing black, won brilliantly against Ivanchuk. Particularly spectacular was Adams's sacrifice of a rook on move 25 to strip the protection from the white king. At the end Ivanchuk's position was in ruins and he faced a colossal loss of pieces. Adams played the game in daring gambit style; even his opening showed he was neither offering nor asking for any quarter.

Here are the moves, with a diagram of the final position.

White Ivanchuk		Black Adams	
1 e4	e5	23 f3	Qh5
2 Nf3	Nc6	24 g4	Qh4
3 Bb5	a6	25 Re2	Rxg4+
4 Ba4	Nf6	26 hxg4	f3+
5 O-O	Be7	27 Kh1	bxe2
6 Re1	b5	28 Qxe2	Kh8
7 Bb3	O-O	29 Kg1	h5
8 c3	d5	30 Qg2	Bf4
9 exd5	Nxd5	31 Be1	Qg5
10 Nxe5	Nxe5	32 h3	Qg6
11 Rxe5	c6	33 Rd1	Bb8
12 d4	Bd6	34 Rd2	Qh1
13 Re1	Qh4	35 Bf2	Kg8
14 g3	Qh3	36 b3	Bf4
15 Be3	Bg4	37 Re2	Nxc3
16 Qd3	Rae8	38 Re6	Qxa2
17 Nd2	Qh5	39 Rxc6	Qxb3
18 Nf1	Re8	40 Rxe8	Ne2+
19 Bd1	f5	41 Kh1	Bb8
20 Bxg4	Qxg4	42 Be1	Qd1
21 Bd2	Rg8		
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NHS reforms are to be changed, says Waldegrave

By JILL SHERMAN, SOCIAL SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

THE health service reforms would have to be changed to bring GP fund holders in line with the government's health strategy, William Waldegrave, the health secretary, said yesterday.

He told the Institute of Health Services Management's annual conference in Brighton that pilot studies would be set up next year to test the best mechanism for ensuring that GP fund holders, who have budgets to buy hospital services, work with district health authorities to provide the best care for their local population.

Mr Waldegrave was making the government's first admission that the reforms need to be modified. His announcement came in the wake of claims that the fund holding scheme is leading to a two-tier service within the NHS where budget holders can buy quicker treatment for their patients. Managers have also argued that a system which allows some doctors to spend money in isolation from those trying to draw up a local health strategy is illogical.

Mr Waldegrave said pilot studies would be set up in areas where there were many fund holders, such as the northeast of England, to establish new methods of consultation between doctors, district health authorities and family health service authorities.

"We will need to have further changes to make clear the need for all those employing public money to contribute successfully to a local health strategy," he said.

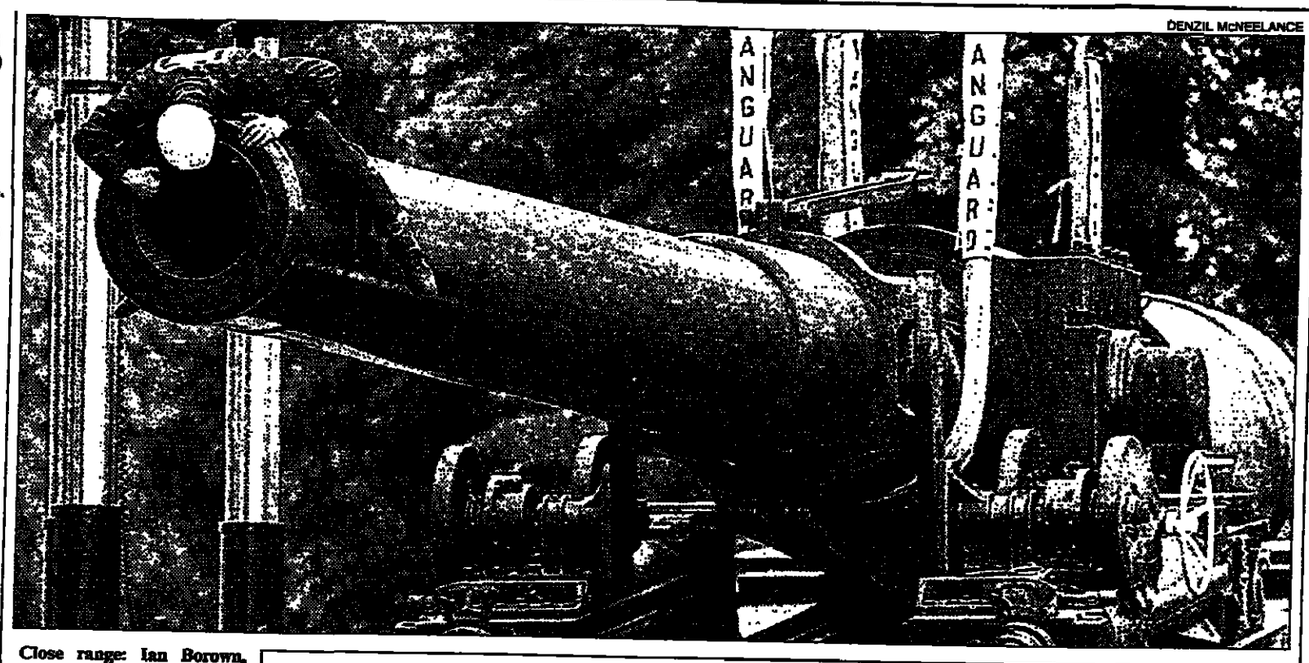
Earlier Pam Charlwood, the institute director, launched a scathing attack on Mr Waldegrave, accusing him of being inconsistent and illogical over his approach to the health service reforms. Responding to his comment on television on Sunday that doctors were able to manage money better than "bureaucrats", Miss Charlwood suggested that the minister was undermining managers' role in purchasing health care.

His comments had been disappointing and unhelpful, she said. "In our jobs we're used to a certain amount of ritual bureaucrat-bashing, but what astonishes me is the inconsistency and illogic which seems to be prevailing here."

Mr Waldegrave refused to retract his comments, saying that fund holders had proved to be extremely innovative in making their money stretch so that more patients could be treated.

Miss Charlwood advised the government to adopt a much more rigorous approach when approving the second wave of NHS trusts. She indicated that the government had allowed too many trusts to go forward on April 1.

DENZIL McNEELANCE



Close range: Ian Borown, project engineer, inspects the 18in barrel of Britain's biggest gun, installed yesterday at the Royal Artillery museum at Woolwich, south London. The "railway gun" is the last of the super-heavy weapons used in both world wars, when attempts were made to develop devastating weapons by using large calibres. The gun, transported round Britain in 1940 to defend coasts, had been kept at the defence ministry experimental establishment at Shoeburyness, Essex.

Rome fetes Michelangelo in a grey suit

From LIZ SMITH
FASHION EDITOR
IN ROME

ROME is celebrating *la dolce vita* of its most famous fashion star, Valentino. The Italian couturier who put Rome on the fashion map in the Sixties, when he dressed Jackie Kennedy for her wedding to Onassis and Elizabeth Taylor for the première of the film *Spartacus*, is being feted in a three-day round of parties and exhibitions.

The main event is a retrospective exhibition of 350 of his more spectacular fashion designs across three decades, which was opened yesterday by Francesco Cossiga, the Italian president, at the Accademia Valentino, the designer's own art gallery next to his *palazzo* headquarters. Miss Taylor, Nancy Kissinger, the Vicomtesse Jacqueline de Ribes and Ivana Trump are among Valentino's long list of famous clients who arrived in Rome for the gala dinner at the Villa Medici last night.

Many of those unable to attend, such as Audrey Hepburn and Sophia Loren, were represented by the gowns that they had helped to make famous. In an introductory speech, Jocelyn Stevens, rector of London's Royal College of Art, described Valentino Garavani as a "Michelangelo in a beautiful grey suit" and his designs as a force in Italian culture. The exhibition will open at the Victoria and Albert Museum in London next year before going on to Madrid, New York and Tokyo.

Divorces cost the taxpayer £1.4bn

By ALICE THOMSON

DIVORCE is one of the most expensive activities in Britain, according to One Plus One, the marriage research centre. Divorce and separations cost the government £1.4 billion a year in welfare payments, legal costs and putting children in care. Companies also lose £200 million a year through absenteeism and impaired efficiency which result from marital breakdown.

Divorce is also costly to health. In terms of stress, divorce is second only to the death of a spouse. Dr Jack Dominian, director of the centre, said yesterday that three-quarters of divorce petitions were filed by women.

The centre held a conference at the Royal College of Physicians to review its findings with 200 senior delegates from different areas of marriage counselling. The conference was made up almost entirely of women.

Penny Mansfield, deputy director, said: "There are discussions about women, about child welfare and about single parenthood but the difficulties faced by men and women living together are all too often overlooked."

Bishops campaign to beat poverty

Senior clergy tackling social issues are not seeking to avoid political routes. Ruth Gledhill reports

A SERIES of campaigns by leading Anglican clergy aimed at alleviating homelessness and poverty, one of which aims to influence general election candidates, could fuel controversy over the church's political activity but will be supported by many churchgoers.

Although the bishops say that their attempts to set an agenda for social policy steer clear of support for any party, they are unashamedly political in their causes.

The Bishop of Gloucester, the Right Rev John Yates, this week launched a campaign against homelessness, describing it as "a disgraceful running sore in the body of our nation". He announced a £300,000 fund-raising appeal for Church Housing, a national association tackling homelessness.

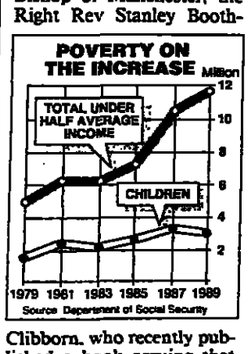
On the same day the Bishop of Manchester, the Right Rev Stanley Boothby have not benefited enough from the advances in affluence.

Church Action on Poverty has joined the Child Poverty Action Group, the Low Pay Unit and citizens advice bureaux to launch the campaign, aimed at general election candidates. Those organisations, with thousands of grass-roots contacts in the inner cities and the poorer suburbs, have prepared suggestions for tackling candidates on poverty. They say that more than ten million people live in poverty, including more than three million children, and that the problem is worsening.

The bishop said: "I think there has been a notion around that somehow if the country got more affluent then wealth would inevitably trickle down to the poorest in the community. That has been proved to be false.

"We are looking at poverty in Britain and active policies are needed to tackle poverty. We cannot go on in a situation where shortage of housing is as acute in the poorer section of the population as it has now become." He praised William Waldegrave, the health secretary, for a recent statement acknowledging the link between poverty and ill-health.

The bishop said the four organisations who had joined in a coalition to head the campaign were non-party political, but took politics seriously. "I am not too worried when people tackle me in the church, saying aren't you being political. Of course I am, because religion is deeply political. That does not mean party political. These issues cut right across all parties."



Clibborn, who recently published a book arguing that people should think more positively about paying taxes, launched a campaign on poverty and said government policies had been insufficient to address the problem. He expressed his concern last night that the Church Commissioners might not make their usual annual £1 million grant to the Church Urban Fund, the Church of England's inner-city grant-making body.

At the launch of the *Freedom from Poverty* campaign, the Bishop of Manchester said: "Relative poverty in Britain has increased." He said that although the poorest in society are not as poor as they were in the thirties,

Enquiry ordered into death of Bootle MP

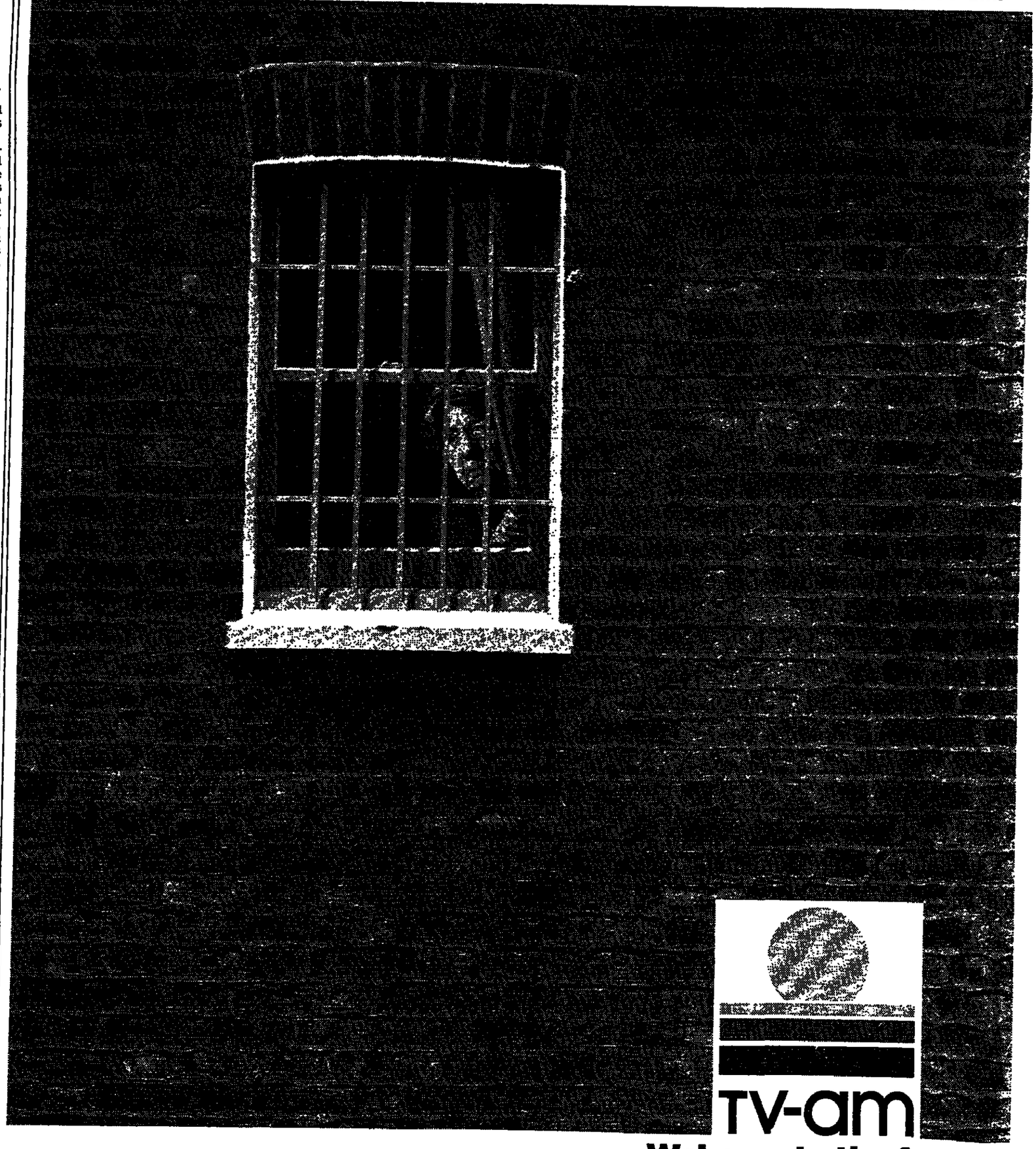
POLICE are to investigate the death of Michael Carr, the Labour MP for Bootle, who died shortly after being sent home from hospital, it was announced yesterday.

Sir Allan Green, QC, Director of Public Prosecutions, asked Merseyside police to carry out an enquiry after the case was referred to him by the coroner.

Mr Carr collapsed outside a constituency meeting last July and was taken to Walton hospital, Liverpool. An inquest in March was told that Mr Carr had been sent home by a doctor who diagnosed hyperventilation. Soon after, his condition deteriorated and he died in an ambulance before reaching hospital.

Roy Barter, the Merseyside coroner, halted the inquest and referred the case to the DPP to consider whether any criminal offence was committed. The inquest, due to be resumed on Monday, will be further adjourned until police have completed their enquiry.

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Dawn raids curbed in abuse-case guidelines

By RAY CLANCY

DAWN raids to seize children involved in suspected sexual abuse cases should only take place if there is a danger to life, the government said yesterday when it released guidelines for social workers and other agencies involved in the protection of children.

In response to recent criticism of the action of social workers in Rochdale and the Orkneys which involved early morning swoops, the guidelines drawn up by the department of health say parents should be involved, including taking part in case conferences where possible. "Openness and honesty are an important basis on which to build a foundation of understanding and respect between parents and professionals which will often be essential for a satisfactory outcome for the child," the draft document says. The guidelines have been sent to social services directors, chief constables, education officers and other interested groups.

Social workers are told to seek specialist advice if they suspect organised abuse. "Special features apply to the investigation and assessment of organised abuse which may include networks which extend beyond the family and have overtones of bizarre or ritualistic practices," the guidelines say. "Except in an emergency where there is danger to life or limb, the timing of the removal of children from their homes should be agreed following consultation with all appropriate professionals".

Virginia Bottomley, the health minister, said that dawn raids were wrong and "bursting in early in the morning to pick up a child" was not the correct way forward. "In the guidelines we are stressing the importance of taking a cool, clear look, of calling in experts, of seeking advice and of ensuring that social workers follow sound professional principles."

Advice given by Lord Justice Butler Sloss in the Cleveland enquiry that interviews should be conducted at the pace of the child and not the adult doing the questioning have been taken into account. The draft guidelines are to be published later this year in *Working Together*, a handbook for those working in the sphere of child protection.

However, social services directors criticised the timing of the guidelines. The Association of Directors of Social Services said at a meeting earlier this week that Mrs Bottomley had not mentioned when the guidelines were being published and there was a feeling that they should have been told earlier what was in the draft document.

The new guidelines apply only to England and Wales. A handbook for social workers in Scotland was published in December 1989 but did not cover the specific question of dawn raids, the Scottish Office said.

Mrs Bottomley, who helped to draw up the guidelines, said the regulations were binding. The final version of the handbook will not be published until comments have been studied. Recommendations from the Staffordshire "pindown" enquiry are not included in the guidelines but Mrs Bottomley said they will be taken into account in the final published version in October.

New moves on murder of paperboy

RELATIVES of three men convicted of murdering the newspaper delivery boy Carl Bridgewater yesterday handed new evidence to the Home Office in an attempt to win their freedom.

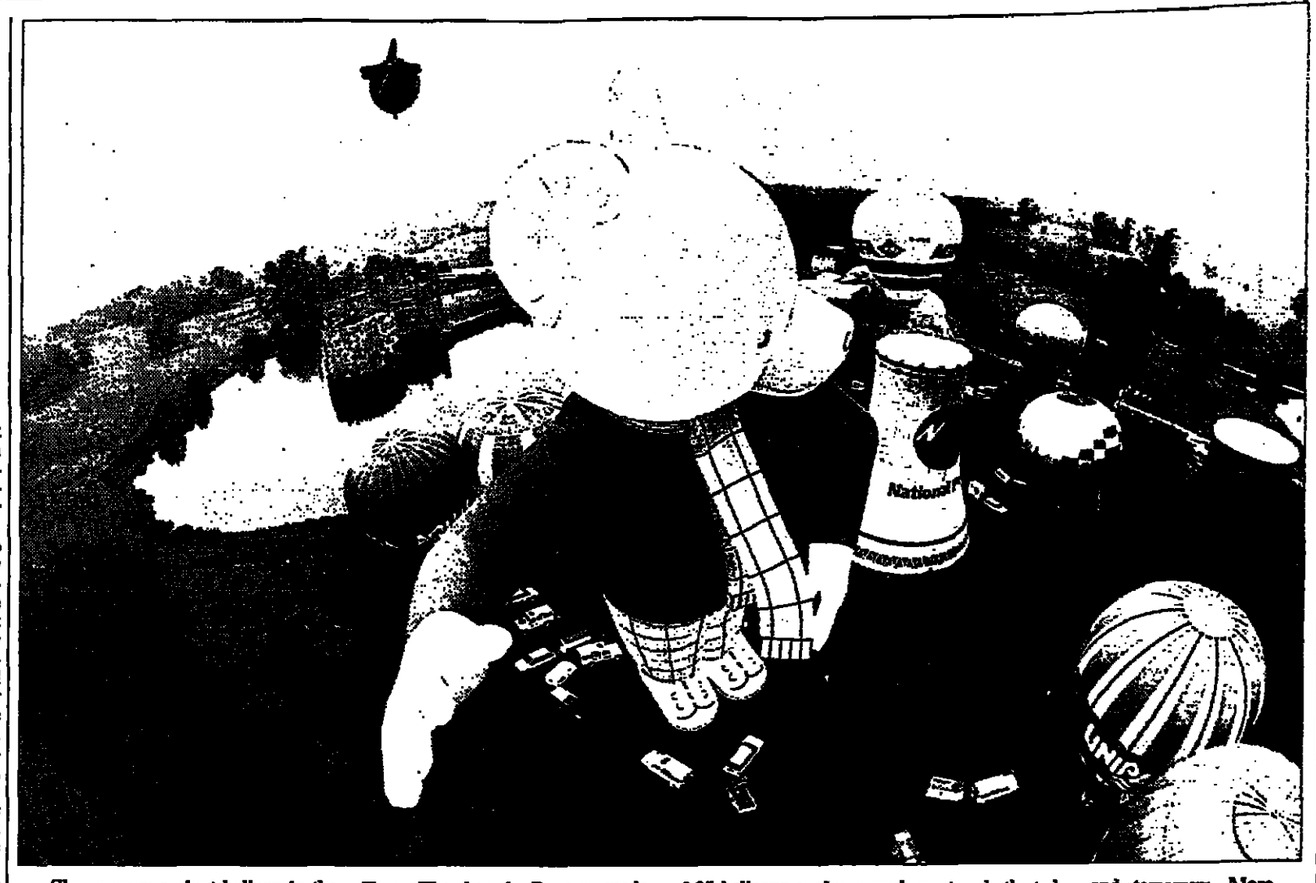
Gerald Hunter, one of the Birmingham Six freed three months ago, was there to support them. He said he wanted the Bridgewater case three to get the same public support given to the Six and the Guildford Four.

James Nichol, a solicitor representing James Robinson, Michael Hickey and his cousin Vincent Hickey, said that the new evidence was the strongest yet against the men's conviction. The three were jailed for life in 1979 for the murder of Carl, aged 13, who was killed with a shotgun at a farmhouse when he stumbled across a burglary.

All have consistently pleaded their innocence. A fourth man, Patrick Molloy, convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to 18 years, died in prison.

Mr Nichol said that the new evidence was the result of research by four leading language experts who were convinced that Molloy could not have made the confession at the heart of the convictions. Mr Nichol said that Molloy's confession, obtained by officers from the now disbanded West Midlands police serious crime squad, was unlawful as he had been detained beyond the legal limit.

TONY WHITE



Sky-scraper: a giant balloon in the shape of Rupert Bear, the enduring children's cartoon character, preparing yesterday for this weekend's balloon and Bentley fiesta at Leeds Castle, near Maidstone, Kent. The hot-air Rupert, made from 1.58 miles of material, stands 147ft high, has a 1,319-inch waist and a 382-inch inside leg. When fully inflated he will take 90,000 cubic feet of air. Rupert will be one of 25 balloons at the annual event, ranging from giant newspapers to cans of lager and an unseasonal Santa Claus. Weather permitting, the balloons will take off early in the morning and late in the afternoon both today and tomorrow. More than 30 Bentley cars, some worth £500,000, will be on show, some following the balloons in hot pursuit. The gates at Leeds Castle open at 6am.

Early start by the left in battle for Heffer seat

Ronald Faux reports on the infighting between Labour and Militant wings over the Walton contest

THE by-election date for Walton, Liverpool, has yet to be fixed but campaigning has already begun between Labour and the Militant-backed left over who is to inherit Eric Heffer's safest of Labour seats.

Walton's left-wingers, who prefer to be described as broad rather than hard left, will decide tomorrow who is to challenge the selected Labour candidate, Peter Kilfoyle, the former party organiser in the North-West and a scourge of extremists.

Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, yesterday welcomed the news that the broad-left group is to field a candidate and party workers in the city have supported his view that a distinction could be made between the official candidate and the challengers.

The broad left won five of the six seats it contested at the local elections last month but Labour party officials claim this success owed more to confusion over who were the official and unofficial candidates than to a far-left swing among voters.

A party official said yesterday: "Their election material was almost identical to ours and they managed to blur the issues so that it was difficult for voters to distinguish between genuine Labour candidates and the ones they put up. At a by-election the distinction will be very clear and voters can make their own judgment."

The broad-left group on Liverpool city council has produced a shortlist of three candidates to fight Walton. The front-runner is Lesley Mahmood, born in Liverpool, a Militant supporter and councillor for Netherley ward. She was defeated narrowly by Mr Kilfoyle in the selection contest to succeed Mr Heffer.

She was expelled from the Labour party last month, together with 20 other councillors who formed the Liverpool Labour Councillors Group. Ms Mahmood is the group's deputy leader and a member of the Liverpool city council policy committee. A strong critic of the Labour party leadership, Ms Mahmood has been prominent in Liverpool opposition to efforts by the council to balance the city's books. She is 39 and a trained teacher and now describes herself as a militant socialist, a single parent and strong believer that Heffer, a fighting socialist, should be succeeded by someone in the same mould.

Another contender is Frank Mills, a former Liverpool councillor who came to prominence during the Labour administration which included Derek Hatton as deputy leader. He was one of 47 councillors who, in 1987, were surcharged for failing to set a legal rate. He denies strongly being a member of the Militant Tendency although he says he has no disagreement with its politics.

Mr Mills was also banned from holding municipal office for five years. He remained a controversial figure at the centre of a "jobs for the boys" dispute when he and Tony Mulhearn, a hard-left supporter, were proposed for the job of liaison officer in Liverpool to the European parliament. Mr Mills was Eric Heffer's campaign agent and insists that the MP would have approved of his candidacy.

The third candidate is Tommy Smith, a former councillor and a leading official in the working party set up to co-ordinate help for victims of the Hillsborough football disaster.

Labour plans to defend its 23,000 majority by concentrating on the impact on Walton of 12 years of Conservative government. The district claims to have the third highest unemployment rate in the country and the highest number of women without jobs. More significant could be the industrial action by council workers who are threatened with 1,000 redundancies. Their strikes and work to rule have led to piles of rubbish being uncollected and to disruption in schools.

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Peter Kilfoyle: selected as Labour candidate



Lesley Mahmood: just missed Labour selection



Frank Mills: Heffer's campaign agent



Tommy Smith: helped Hillsborough victims

Search for patients of HIV doctor

Medical staff are still trying to trace five women out of 234 treated by a doctor who was discovered to have the HIV virus.

They were patients at the West Suffolk Hospital, Bury St Edmunds, over a six-month period between 1987 and 1988 in the obstetrics and gynaecology department.

More than half the total have undergone voluntary tests since the search started in April and have been found not to have contracted the virus.

Tube frauds

London Underground is adapting ticket machines at its 274 stations not to accept 50p pieces because of people who modify other coins to take their place.

Special delivery

Postmen at Alfreston, Derbyshire, have been given permission to wear shorts while riding delivery cycles from June to August.

Earl fined

The Earl of Arundel and Surrey, of Arundel Castle, West Sussex, was yesterday fined £150 and banned from driving for six weeks by Andover magistrates for exceeding the speed limit.

Degree plaice

Ann White, aged 43, a biochemist at Aberdeen university, has won an Open University M Phil degree after six years' spare-time study which showed that plaice suffer less stress than other fish.

Swan's ducking

A woman has devised a plastic duck which squirts water through its beak to scare off a swan that has been killing ducklings on a pond at Littlehampton, West Sussex.

Hoaxer jailed

Peter Daveney, aged 45, of Watford, Hertfordshire, was jailed for four and a half years at Luton crown court yesterday for a hoax bomb call to a shopping centre.

Chain reaction

The Labour council at Great Yarmouth, which scrapped the office of mayor, is replacing town hall portraits of former mayors with scenes of old Yarmouth.

Raid fears

A sub-post office in Clapton, east London, whose postmaster was shot dead a year ago by raiders who have not been caught, is to close because nobody will take it over.

Church militant

The congregation at St Rumwold's church, Bonnington, Kent, where thieves took 750 tiles from the roof, has painted the replacements "Stolen from St Rum's".

Tories are accused of wasting MPs' time

THE government was accused yesterday of wasting a day by treating Parliament like a student debating society while claiming there was urgent legislation to be dealt with. Ministers were preparing to keep MPs up until 4am next Tuesday to deal with the dangerous dogs bill, it was alleged (John Winder writes).

Nicholas Brown, a Labour spokesman on Treasury affairs, said during a six-hour debate on nationalisation, denationalisation and renationalisation: "The government have been able to find nothing better to do than hold a student-union debate with no real conclusion."

Francis Maude, financial secretary to the Treasury, said he wanted to explore the possibility for consensus to replace the old pendulum politics which had industries nationalised, denationalised and renationalised as parties succeeded the other in power. He defended the profits reported recently by privatised industries. They indicated that companies were performing better for their customers, he said, and he accused Labour of hating success.

Mr Brown said that Labour would improve the regulatory systems for public utilities and bring them together in a consumer protection commission that would be under the scrutiny of a Commons select committee. He said Labour was trying to devise a structure for mixed public and private investment in public utilities that did not involve all their investment programmes being drawn into the public sector borrowing requirement.

Peers fight increased protection for badgers

By JOHN WINDER

BACKBENCH legislation to increase protection for badgers is in danger because field sports supporters in the Lords are threatening to introduce amendments which would return the legislation to the Commons after private members' time there has been exhausted.

Two Commons' bills received unopposed second readings in the Lords yesterday, but Lord Kimball, former chairman of the British Field Sports Society, said that while he supported the principle, the badgers' bill, which makes it an offence to interefere with a sett, would hinder control of foxes and rabbits and make some agricultural operations unlawful.

The government is neutral towards the bill. That implies that it is unlikely to win even a small part of government time at the end of the session in the Commons which has already passed the measure in its present state.

Lord Kimball is not alone in his misgivings. Lord Davies (Liberal Democrat) said that the legislation would protect badgers to an unnecessary extent. Inability of farmers to reach foxes taking refuge in setts could have a devastating effect on the rural economy.

Lord Astor, for the government, supported a separate bill which will give courts powers to order destruction of dogs used in badger baiting and to ban baiters from keeping dogs.

That was a significant step in protecting badgers because the dog was the main tool of the badger persecutor.

Poor housing underestimated

GOVERNMENT officials badly underestimated the number of Scottish homes which do not meet the national "tolerable standard", John Bourne, head of the National Audit Office, said yesterday (Sheila Gunn writes).

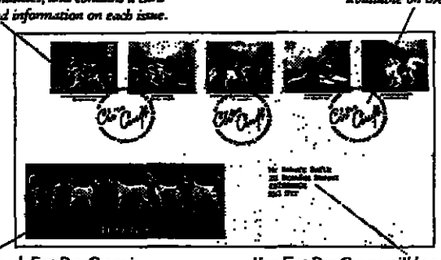
Figures given to Parliament last year put the number of homes in bad condition at 81,049. However, the audit office found that some of the figures were based on surveys up to 20 years old.

An audit office analysis of more recent surveys in 16 of the 56 Scottish local authorities identified 79,600 homes below tolerable standard. Scotland has 2.1 million houses of which 44 per cent are publicly owned, the highest proportion in western Europe.

Most of the homes in poor condition were built before 1964 and about one third are owned by local authorities. The Scottish environment department's figures also showed that 144,719 council homes were affected by damp.

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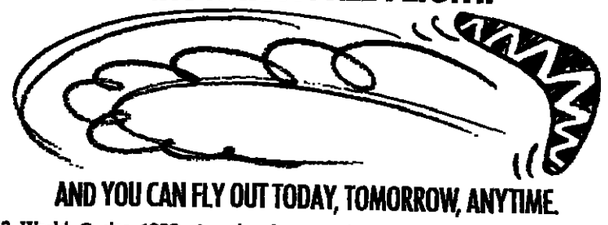
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Islamic front claims deal with Algerian ruling party

From PENNY GIBBINS IN ALGIERS

ABBASSI Madani, the leader of the Islamic Salvation Front, the main opposition party in Algeria, claimed during prayers yesterday that fundamentalists had made a deal with the ruling National Liberation Front. But later the government, while admitting talks had taken place, insisted no deal had been reached.

Ali Belhadj, the Islamic front's deputy leader, announced that the general strike, called by the Islamic front 12 days ago, had ended officially after a pact was made. He claimed the general election, due to be held on June 27 but postponed indefinitely by President Chadli Benjedid, would be held within six months together with presidential elections. These are the main demands of the fundamentalists which set off the strike, demonstrations and bloody clashes with riot police in which up to 40 people are said to have died.

"Let us hope that the new government will not commit the same stupid errors made by the last one," Mr Belhadj said, referring to the government sacked by the president on Wednesday. He paid tribute to those killed in the clashes and said the "martyrs" were with God in paradise.

At the centre of the crowd, men kneeling on traditional prayer mats in the streets bowed their heads and wept into their handkerchiefs. One listener was stretched prostrate in grief on his back, crying "Allahu Akbar" (God is Greatest) until colleagues carried him into a nearby building. Mr Belhadj went on to speak of the hundreds arrested and in prison and those who had "disappeared".

The end to the strike call also released the tension, which had built up since Thursday night, after the president imposed a curfew and a state of siege on the city. During the night fundamentalists all over Algiers had started chanting, shouting and screaming as the curfew approached. They accompanied ululating women by banging on saucepans and striking bowls with metal bars. Gunmen in fundamentalist strongholds shot and wounded five members of the security forces. Thirty people were also arrested after trying to set light to a food factory.

The fundamentalists believe they have achieved two key aims: the possible departure of President Chadli, seen as the main obstacle to an Islamic state; and general elections which now seem more likely to be held on their own terms.

US formula rejected by Shamir

Jerusalem — Yitzhak Shamir has rejected President Bush's compromise proposals aimed at convening a Middle East peace conference between Israel and the Arab states (Richard Beeston writes).

Officials yesterday confirmed that the Israeli prime minister, in a letter to President Bush, made it clear his government would not concede two procedural points to the Arab side to save the peace initiative. "Shamir's position is very clear against the continuation of a conference and against UN participation," they said.

Kurdish hope

Baghdad — Massoud Barzani, the Kurdish rebel leader, appeared in public for the first time in almost two weeks yesterday, saying he was close to agreement with Baghdad on Kurdish autonomy. *(Reuter)*

Power shared

Beirut — President Hrawi's government has appointed 40 parliamentary deputies in the last phase of a peace plan to distribute power equally between Muslims and Christians and end the civil war. *(AP)*

Disarray in the victory parade

From SUSAN ELLICOTT IN WASHINGTON

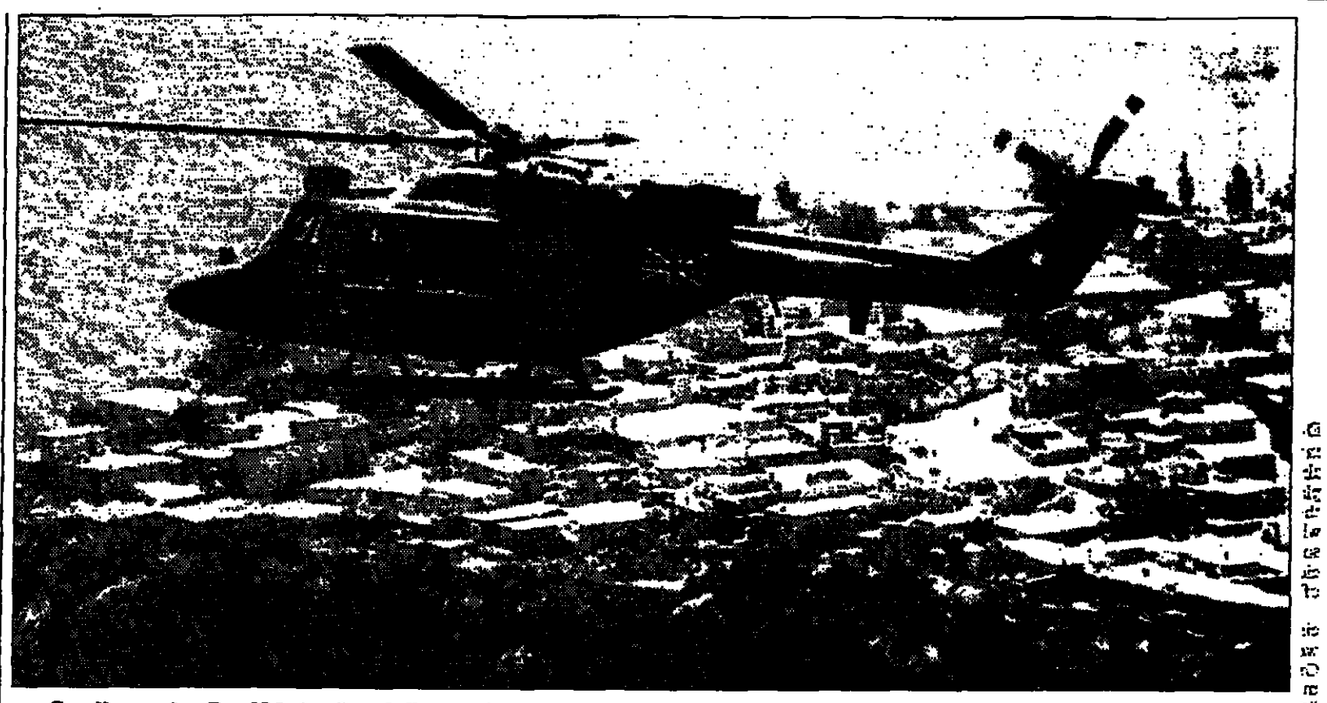
JUST when Washington seemed to be swinging into a sub-tropical postwar tempo, along comes today's Gulf victory parade to stir up practically every simmering grievance in American society.

So belligerent are the rows about the extravaganza's $12 million (£7 million) — and soaring — cost, of which at least $7 million will be paid by taxpayers that Norman Schwarzkopf, the newly-knighted commander of American forces, might be forgiven for wishing he had omitted the reference to a tempest in Operation Desert Storm.

Among the tiffs is a spat between New York and Washington over which city deserves to go down in history as hosting the mother of all parades. While the rival Grucci and Zambelli families argue over whose firework show will sparkle more, anti-war protesters with flowers are planning to tag along behind the military bands. Annoyed that an American soldier will carry a Syrian flag, a group of families who lost relatives in the 1988 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie will also demonstrate.

In New York, right-wing religious groups have complained about homosexual veterans who will join a ticker-tape march down Broadway. Many Washingtonians are alarmed at the size of the spectacle as the country tries to shrug off a recession. Pundits are split between labelling the hype as "warnography" or a lofty tribute to the thousands who risked or gave their lives.

Frankly, Washington's razzmatazz is unlikely to draw the crowd of 1.4 million that organisers predicted. Many Americans hazily remember the conflict as one of television's longer but more compelling mini-series. Sales of Gulf memorabilia are trailing below expectations, while even General Schwarzkopf's heroic glow has faded. Following a flood of publishing and speaking invitations, his most recent offer was a place on the panel of judges for a beauty pageant.



Guardian angels: a Royal Marines Lynx helicopter of No 3 Commando flying over the northern Iraqi town of Amadiyeh as part of the continuing operations to establish safe havens for the Kurdish refugees who are coming down from the mountains

Sky patrols keep grounded Iraqis at bay

From ADAM KELLIHER IN NORTHERN IRAQ

SOME wave in friendship, others gesticulate for food and many give the internationally recognised symbol to clear off, but the response by President Saddam Hussein's northernmost forces to the daily reconnaissance patrols by the Royal Marines is never predictable.

"Did he say feed me or f... off?" inquired Major Rob Wilsey, the commander of the air squadron of the Third Commando Brigade, as he guided his Lynx helicopter over a solitary Iraqi trooper waving from a small observation post on top of a mountain. "I think it was f... off, sir," replied his co-pilot, Colour Sergeant Kevin Butler, who manned the aircraft's Tow missile system. "I saw similar signals in the village of Atrush the other day."

Saddam's hapless forces seem to have become quite accustomed to the daily armed patrols by the air squadron, which goes in the closest to find out exactly where they are.

The Royal Marines, however, daily send out pairs of Lynxes to monitor whether Baghdad has chosen to comply with an allied request that its soldiers withdraw farther south to give even more Kurds the confidence to return to their homes in Iraq.

On Friday's mission, two Mark VII Lynxes skimmed off from a base camp, located well inside the allied perimeter, and headed southwards across the looming ranges that form a natural wall enclosing the safety zone, from the air. The reason for Kurdish terror became even more clear, with the spectacular landscape being speckled with ruins of villages levelled by dynamite and bulldozers during Saddam's anti-Kurd pogroms in 1970, 1975 and 1988.

Major Wilsey dropped the helicopter to about 100ft through one valley, showing solidarity with the forward company of British commandos stationed beside a brook in which some were paddling and sunbathing. "You get to feel a bit like the Queen Mum because you spend half your time waving," said Sergeant Butler, after we passed a particularly enthusiastic group of children. The lead helicopter flew shotgun and we stayed protectively to its rear, now flying westwards in a line considered the southernmost point of the safe haven, our flight path monitored by a chirpy American woman on board an Awacs aircraft somewhere above Turkey.

As the helicopter flew over, most of the troops gave a surly glance upwards, clearly feeling their nakedness with the Iraqi air force now grounded. A dispatch rider gave a wave.

"We are very careful not to be offensive. We do not go round and round or do mock attacks," Major Wilsey said. "It's hard to know what's going on in their minds."

Writers' block leaves the Gulf scenario unfinished

Players in the Middle East drama are waiting for a postwar script with a happy ending. **Peter Stothard** looks at the problems facing Washington

THERE has got to be a "second act" to the Middle East peace play, a senior British official said the other day as he made a mental tour of postwar horizons. "The audience is in no fit state to go home". But no matter where he looked — from the skies of Kuwait to the palaces of Baghdad, from the West Bank of the Jordan to the Kurdish hills — there was little sign of the necessary script.

Nor is there any clear sign that the Americans have the will to write one. All that can be seen is a rehearsal in which the region's stock characters act out their worst stock lines. Syria takes over Lebanon; Israel bombs Palestinian camps; Kuwait tortures dissidents while promising some democracy; Saudi Arabia shrinks into the wings.

The great wish in Washington also remains exactly as it was when the war against Iraq ended — to bring the boys home. If that means abandoning countless Kurds to future Iraqi aggression, so be it. "We can't offer guarantees to every Kurd," a Pentagon official said last week during the riots that followed the announcement by Colin Powell, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, that American troops would be withdrawn "sooner than we expected".

Military sources express the hope that their forces in northern Iraq might be back in the US by the end of June. Administration officials look to the end of September as the more realistic date for ending "Operation Provide Comfort". Although British and American diplomats continue to pride themselves on the success of their humanitarian enclaves initiative, their smiles are rather tense, as though propped up by matchsticks. They fear that at some point soon their publics will look at the much-vaunted aid effort and see instead a "quagmire", a responsibility without end in which troops will die, Kurds will die, and the only winner will be President Saddam Hussein.

That point has not been reached yet. In this month of military parades and homecoming celebrations, the country's attention is not on those whose job remains unfinished. There is still a hope that United Nations forces might somehow be able to be reinforced and that the Kurds might grow confident enough to stay in their villages and eschew another flight to the mountains.



Prince Bandar: predicts an early breakthrough

Long past, however, are the days when press spokesmen on both sides of the Atlantic squabbled over whose boss deserved the glory for the Kurdish initiative. Now the worry is who will get the blame when the hard decisions have to be made to pull out. Who, indeed, will get the blame when thousands of Iraqis are shown to be dying of cholera and other epidemic diseases caused by foul food and water? The cause, it will be said, is the intransigence of America and Britain in linking the end of sanctions to the end of Saddam's rule. America is stepping up its efforts to oust Saddam from power but the effect, so far, seems to be only to entrench him further.

At what point must America accept that its defeated adversary is a permanent player on the postwar scene? For James Baker, the US Secretary of State, the problems in northern Iraq are only one tiny part of the script which British officials would like him to write. Mr Baker is known to pay careful heed to London's warnings of the dangerous "vacuum" which would occur if the overall process towards regional peace and security were to stop. His advisers know as well as their British counterparts how "unfit" the Middle Eastern audience is to go home. But the US is more impatient than Britain, less willing to wait while unreasonable men find some reason in their heads.

What Arabs and Israelis see as a story of eternal struggle, Mr Baker sees as a problem to be solved — or not. What Middle Easterners see as the whole world, Mr Baker sees as a part of the world, whose bigger problem, the disintegrating Soviet Union, is moving ever faster up his agenda.

On the surface the American offers of solutions seem almost as far from acceptance as ever. This weekend Mr Baker is contemplating a fifth postwar trip to the region to follow up last weekend's letters to regional leaders from President Bush in which he offered compromise suggestions to break the procedural deadlock for a Middle East peace conference. Mr Baker may want to give all the potential participants an extra push.

Yesterday the Sandi Arabian ambassador to the US let out the intriguing suggestion that the push may be harder and sooner than expected. Prince Bandar bin Sultan, one of the most influential mediators in the negotiations, predicted a breakthrough which will belie the surface impression of impasse.

THE GOVERNMENT HAVE PUT THEIR IDEAS FOR A HEALTHIER LIFESTYLE INTO A GREEN PAPER. WE'VE PUT OURS INTO A WHITE TUB.



Yeltsin, the clumsy giant, makes Soviet campaign history



Yeltsin: dusting off the mythology image for TV

IN A STARK concrete skyscraper on the road to the Kremlin, an ill-assorted band of volunteers sits watching the thunderstorms explode across Moscow. Occasionally a gust sends a window flying open, and rain cascades in.

It is an appropriately dramatic setting for people who, over endless tea from a silver-plated samovar and pungent cigarettes, are making Soviet political history. The 50 workers at the "public committee for the support of Boris Yeltsin" in next week's election have achieved something no other entity has managed since 1917; despite much obstruction from the conservative provinces, they are operating the first Russia-wide political machine – probably the first Russia-wide organisation of any kind – that is virtually independent of the old Communist power structure. Madison Avenue it is not, and an American political consultant would find the operation maddeningly amateurish, but the basic principles would be familiar.

Volunteers in Moscow try to overcome a crumbling infrastructure to put Western polling techniques to work in the cause of the Russian president, **Bruce Clark** writes

Yeltsin support groups have been set up in virtually all 88 of Russia's regions, trading information and queries with the Moscow nerve centre daily. That is an astonishing feat in a territory where for decades the only institutions with access to a proper communication system – and therefore capable of wielding power – were the Communist party and the security forces.

For an ordinary mortal, telephoning Moscow from a provincial town can mean hours of pleading with starchy operators; but this does not deter pro-Yeltsin activists in every corner of Russia from bombarding the skyscraper with reports about the state of public opinion and the other side's latest dirty tricks. Indefatigable women take handwritten notes which are fed into computers and studied by a team of analysts, who duly provide Mr Yeltsin with ideas about points to emphasise and places to go.

Although he expects more than half the vote, he has been warned, for example, that women and pensioners are more likely to back his main rival, Nikolai Ryzhkov, the former prime minister, and that many young people are too apathetic to vote.

The campaign workers are a sample of the restless, overqualified who abound in Russia: a bohemian electrical engineer, a deputy whose clipped manner recalls his army background, a bright young man with a degree in sociology. Pitted against them is the Communist apparatus, still a formidable repository of the skills and resources needed to mobilise the masses.

Although two other candidates – General Albert Makashov, and arch-hawk, and Vadim Bakatin, a liberal – are also prominent Communists, the party has thrown most of its weight behind Mr Ryzhkov. In rural areas, it is branding Mr Yeltsin a rascal who has betrayed the Russians of the Baltic region and will betray Russia too. It is also giving Mr Ryzhkov some good advice: promise to slash the price of children's clothes; use the fact that he has been out of office for six months to distance himself from President Gorbachev; play on fears of rising crime. But he is too plodding to turn this to advantage. Watching his visit to a Moscow watch factory, there was little sign that the workforce had much

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Western role in Kremlin reforms becomes hot issue

From MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Gorbachev's drastic reform plan and the West's role in it are encountering growing opposition at both ends of the Soviet political spectrum. A debate is now unfolding in the country about whether Western assistance is desirable at all.

The debate is being conducted against a background of continuing differences within the leadership about the latest plans for economic reform, differences which threaten to stall crucial legislation on privatising state property, ending state monopolies and bankruptcy laws.

The debate on whether the Soviet Union should want or actually needs large-scale Western assistance has so far been restricted to politicians, media commentators and parliamentary deputies. It is not yet the subject of street conversation. The differences of opinion, however, are passionate, with the extreme radicals aligned, unusually, with the conservatives to argue – for quite different reasons – that Western aid on the scale envisaged would be unwelcome and misguided.

The radicals, represented by the editor of the recently established *Nezavisimaya Gazeta* (Independent newspaper), Vitali Tretyakov, argue that the only reason Mr Gorbachev wants Western assistance is to shore up his regime and its obsolete central structures. "Since, as six years of more or less unsuccessful reform appear to show, there is not much hope to be placed in the Soviet people, Gorbachev now prefers to rely on Westerners, and especially their leaders," Mr Tretyakov wrote this week. His advice, as well as that of others, to the West is to leave well alone.

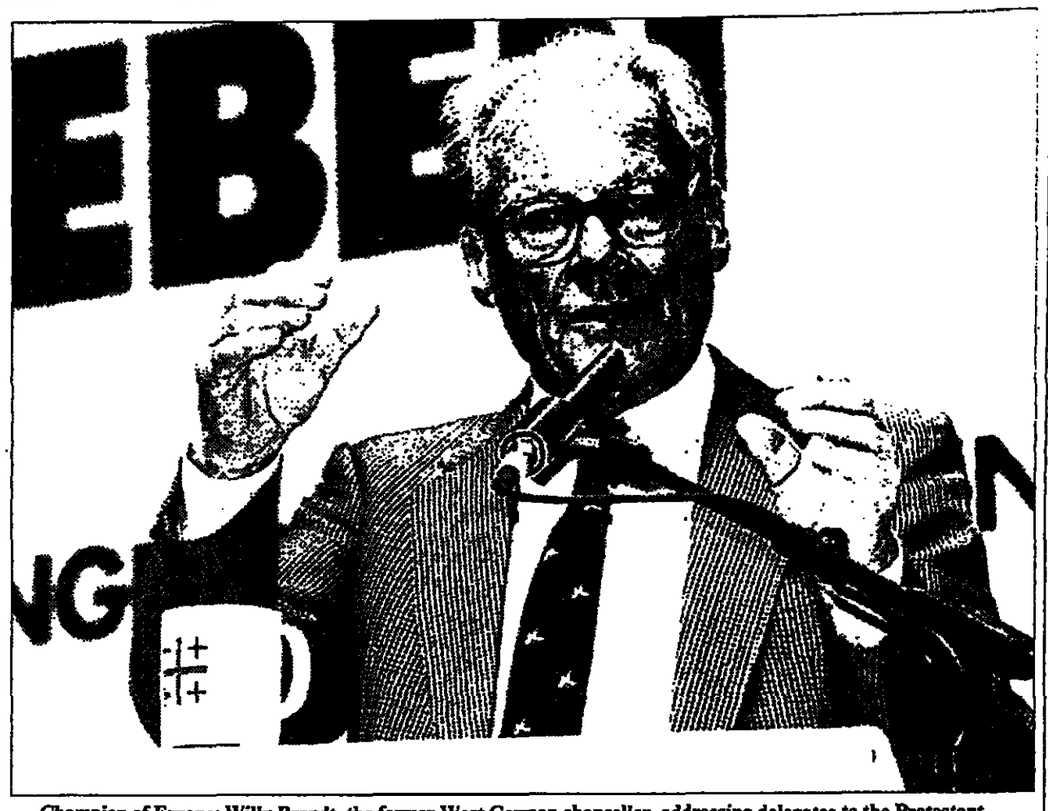
For the conservatives, Nikolai Ryzhkov, the Russian presidential candidate and former Soviet prime minister, has also argued against Western help. He maintains, first, that it is demeaning for a country as large and rich in natural resources as the Soviet Union to accept outside help and, second, that assistance will inevitably be hedged about with conditions which restrict Soviet sovereignty. He advocates self-help as the best solution to the country's present difficulties.

Mr Ryzhkov's words have been characteristically mild, but more rabid hardliners who have so far been carefully kept away from the parliamentary rostrum, talk about "selling out to capitalism" and "abandoning the great cause of socialism". Of these arguments, only the one about national dignity finds a ready echo on the streets. The image of Mr Gorbachev travelling through Europe asking for credits last autumn was not popular with the Soviet public. There is also a suspicion that the West would not want to help unless it had some ulterior motives. Stanislav Kondrashov, an *Izvestiya* commentator, argues for self-help and then for a look at the West's conditions for aid.

Mr Gorbachev's pro-aid camp is also divided, although no one diverges from the central thesis that without Western assistance the Soviet Union faces serious difficulties. The more belligerent members of this camp insist that without aid the Soviet Union could descend into chaos, which would be costly and unpleasant for the West. They also contend, as Mr Gorbachev did in Oslo, that the Soviet Union's current policies and its place in the world "entitle" it to aid.

The question of whether Western help would speed or slow reform is not a subject of debate in the Soviet Union.

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Champion of Europe: Willy Brandt, the former West German chancellor, addressing delegates to the Protestant convention in Dortmund yesterday. His speech focused on the role a united Germany must play in Europe

Bonn rethinks capital issue

From IAN MURRAY IN BONN

UNLIKELY ideas for splitting the German seat of government between Bonn and Berlin are gaining credibility as decision day looms. Both main political groups are equally split on which of the cities should be the seat of government and both government and opposition are backing away from making a final decision.

The opposition Social Democrats (SPD) want a referendum, an idea which a Wickert Institute poll this week suggested that 84 per cent of the population would support. The government rejects this idea and is determined to press ahead with a preliminary Bundestag vote on June 20. A pro-Bonn petition drawn up in the Bundestag has been signed by 310 of the 662 members.

With the issue so divisive, support is growing for a compromise, with some ministries staying in Bonn while others eventually move east. On Thursday, for the second time this week, the leaders of the five constitutional bodies, which are supposed to be co-ordinating ideas, discussed alternatives. Most favoured was a suggestion from Hennig Voscherau, the SPD mayor of Hamburg who is president of the Bundesrat, parliament's upper house. His idea is to move the foreign ministry and the Bundesrat to Berlin with the federal president and leave the rest in Bonn. Theo Waigel, the finance minister and leader of the Bavarian Christian Social Union supports the idea, because it would cost less than a full-scale move to Berlin.

The split government idea, however, would be untidy. Foreign governments would need to maintain two embassies while the costs and difficulties of long distance commuting for the government are cummulative and daunting. The Bundestag has to decide whether these disadvantages are outweighed by the damage that can be done by opting for one city or the other.

SPD halts Bonn tax increase

From OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT IN BONN

TAX increases needed to finance redevelopment of eastern Germany were blocked by the opposition Social Democrats (SPD) yesterday. Using its majority in the Bundesrat, parliament's upper house, the SPD refused to approve a 7.5 per cent surcharge the government wants from next month.

This is the first time it has used its new Bundesrat majority to vote down government legislation. A mediation committee from the Bundesrat and the Bundestag must now resolve differences between the two houses. The SPD is seeking modifications to the tax law, notably a threshold income level below which wage earners would not have to pay the 7.5 per cent.

Albani strike to end

Tirana – Leaders of a gener strike that toppled the Alba nian government announced yesterday that they had won a 50 per cent pay increase and would ask their followers to return to work today.

The return-to-work call by trade union leaders came after overnight negotiations which ended in the new government, headed by Ylli Bufi, the prime minister, accepting the demands of workers. Valar Xheka, the strike committee chairman said. The demands accepted included a 50 per cent wage increase and pay for the days on strike. Mr Xheka said if the government did not keep its promises, there would be another strike.

The strike has paralysed Albania since May 16 and brought down the communist government of Fatos Nano after only 20 days. Mr Bufi, a communist who was food industries minister, took over on Wednesday, charged with forming a coalition government to lead the country until elections next year. *(AFP)*

Fisherman shot

Almeria, Spain – An Algerian naval patrol shot and killed a Spanish fisherman when it opened fire on three Spanish boats 30 miles off the Algerian coast, officials said here. A Spanish patrol boat with a doctor responded to a distress call, but the fisherman was dead when it arrived. *(AFP)*

Tisch appeal

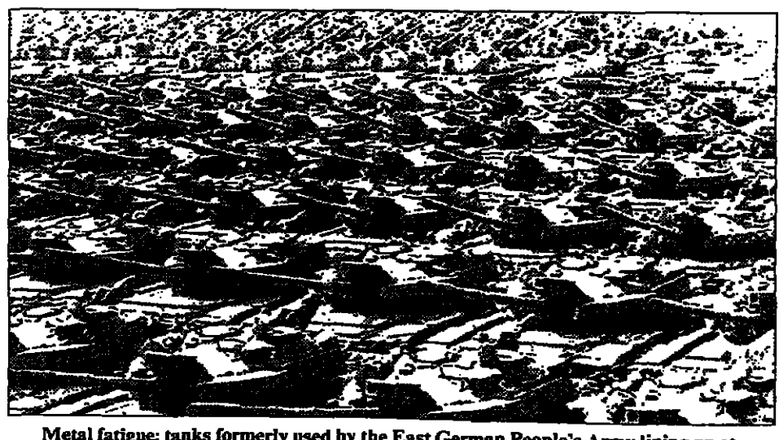
Berlin – The Berlin public prosecutor lodged an appeal against a sentence imposed on Harry Tisch, an east German trade union leader, which allowed him to leave court a free man despite an 18-month prison sentence. Tisch was freed because he had served almost a year in jail. *(Reuter)*

Tailpiece

Tokyo – A Japanese company says it has perfected a toilet for cats which has an infra-red system that starts an automatic flush when a cat leaves and dries the seat for the next one. A filter stops cat hairs from clogging the mechanism. *(AFP)*

Scrap merchant invests in a tank

From ANNE MCELVOY IN BERLIN



Metal fatigue: tanks formerly used by the East German People's Army lining up at a former officers' academy in Löban yesterday before heading for the scrapheap

MICHAEL S. wears a gold Rolex, drives a Volvo which increases in dimensions every time we meet, and has generous offices in an elegant, former government building in east Berlin. He looks like the standard young entrepreneur who made a quick deutschmark in the aftermath of unity.

He is a former east German intelligence officer and has set up one of the myriad "import-export" companies blossoming in the new Berlin. Salesman was his cover in the days when he spied in the Middle East, but now his disguise has become his job.

Import-export is an activity favoured by former Stasi men who could not be said to lack the right contacts and know a thing or two about crossing borders. Herr S. is the sort of big-time Arthur Daley who always has something to shift in vast quantities. He has just shipped millions of condoms and bras to the Soviet Union in return for champagne, caviare and vodka. Half a million gas masks, which he" liberated" from Hungarian and Czechoslovak army supplies found their way to Iraq during the Gulf war. "All profitable, but cumbersome to transport," he complained.

He has decided that quality should take precedence over quantity and is buying a Soviet tank "for scrap". We met his contact, a Soviet businessman with good links with the military. No problem, said the latter, there were tanks to be had. Did he want it with or without the cannon? A divisional commander would have to be found to do the deal, but that should not be a problem.

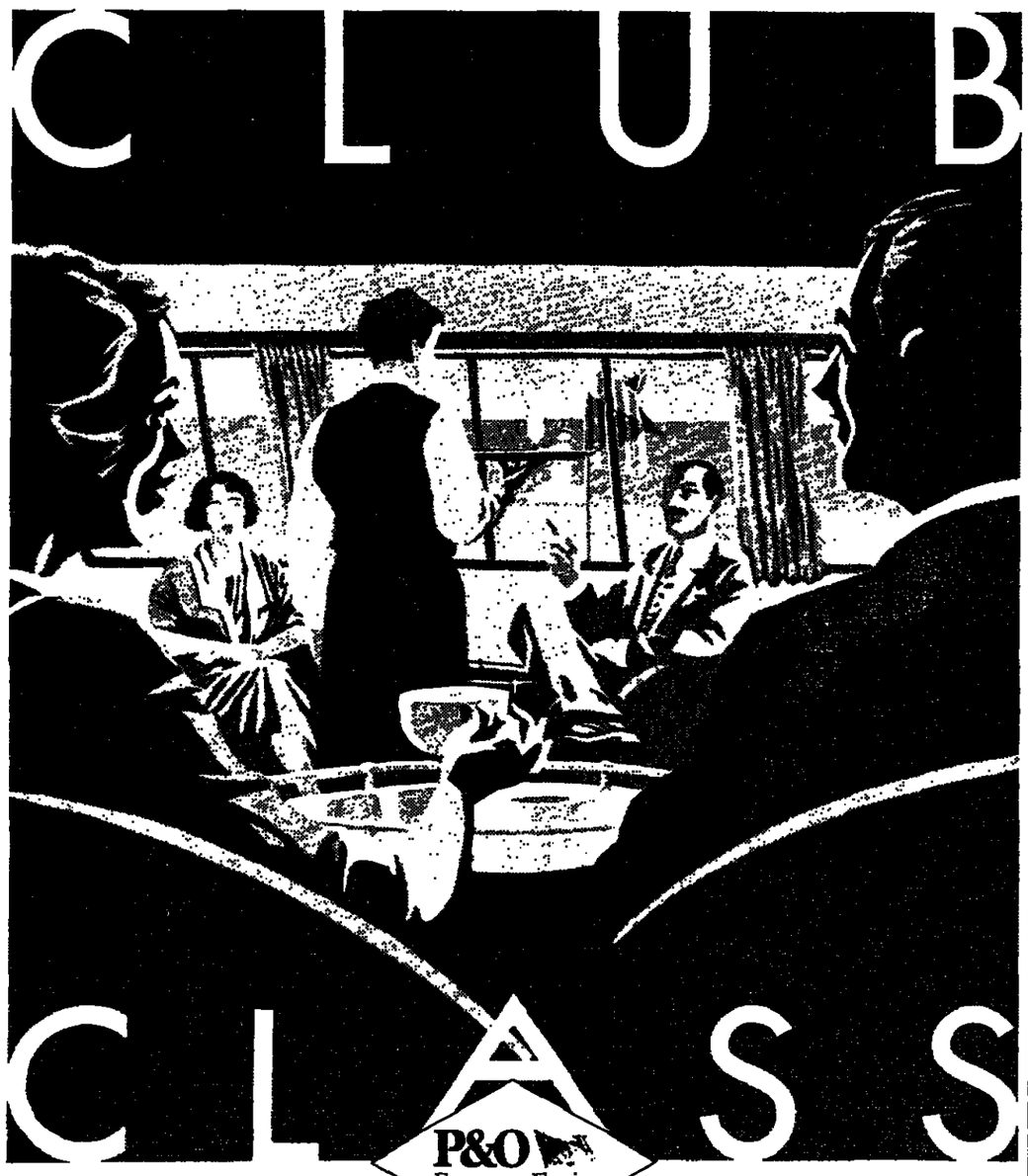
The contact said that the readiness of Soviet military personnel to do business was the result of grievances among troops waiting to withdraw from east Germany. The troops dread going back to inadequate housing and provisions and are trying to earn some Western currency while they can. Officers feel bitter that President Gorbachev has given away east Germany. "Everyone feels betrayed or badly treated by the Soviet state. Nowadays everyone looks after themselves."

Strictly speaking, there should be no tanks for sale. The troops leaving Germany should be counted out with roughly the same amount of artillery declared in arms control agreements.

"Fortunately for us, there are a lot more tanks in eastern Germany than there should be," Herr S. said. "The Moscow command turns a blind eye when some are sold off because it is embarrassing for them to be seen carting far more tanks out of Germany than they ever admitted they had here in the first place."

He already has a deal with a Bulgarian buyer, who is posing as a scrap merchant. He could not rule out that the tank would still be operational when it reached Bulgaria. "As far as I am concerned, I am exporting scrap which happens to be a tank. If someone can find another buyer for it, that's their affair."

A spokesman for the defence ministry in Bonn said: "A tank should only be sold if it has been demilitarised and stripped of the components which make it deployable as a weapon. Otherwise, the sale is illegal." He admitted, however, that private weapons deals were known to be taking place with Soviet personnel. "There is a high degree of criminal energy around, particularly in east Berlin, which is coupled with the Warsaw Pact's old boy network." The Bonn government has promised to increase controls on weapon exports, but yesterday turned down a proposal to allow customs teams to open letters and tap the telephones of individuals suspected of illegal arms deals, on the ground that such observation was unconstitutional.



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US to keep its voice in European defence

From GEORGE BROCK IN COPENHAGEN

NATO's foreign ministers confirmed yesterday that future European defence should be decided inside the existing alliance and not shifted towards an exclusively European body.

The declaration will not silence disagreements over whether European defence should stay Atlanticist or become more European. A fraught debate will continue inside the European Community, which is discussing future joint defence, until at least the end of this year. But at the end of a two day meeting here, the alliance ministers used careful wording to restate their common aims and links and to make full mention of the European Community's military ambitions.

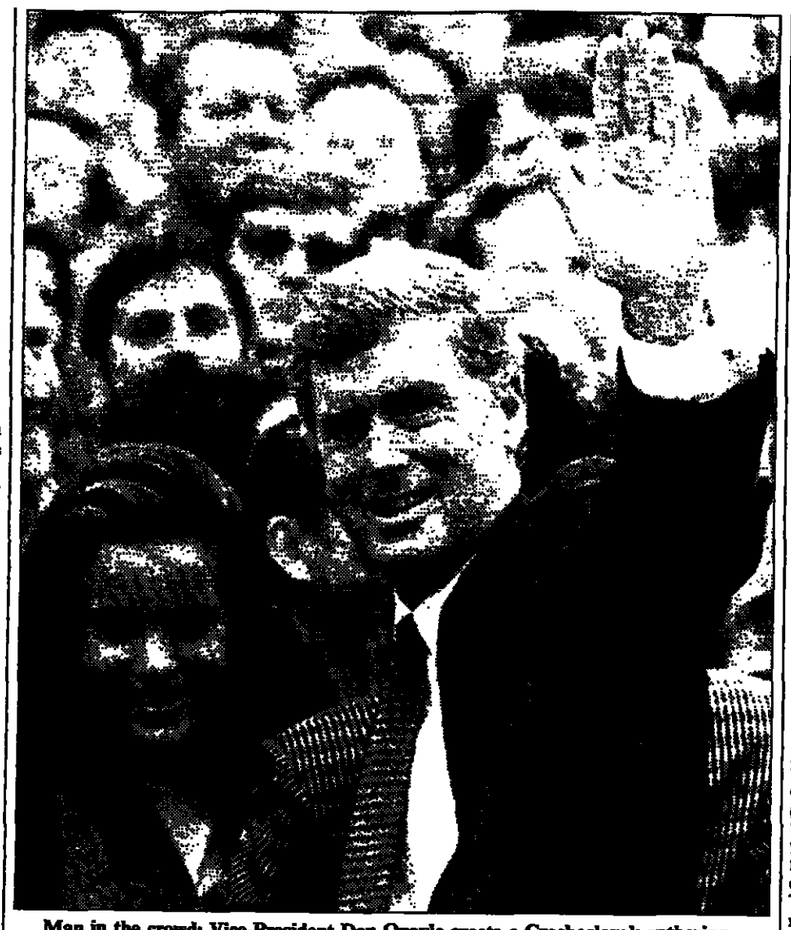
The closing statement said that Nato recognised "the significance of the progress made by the countries of the EC towards the goal of political union, including the development of a common foreign and security policy". It added that the developing European defence role would be "reflected in the strengthening of the European pillar within the alliance". The document also assured Nato countries such as Turkey and Norway that they would be "adequately involved" in decisions about their security.

The meeting's outcome was a small gain for the governments wishing to retain the American link in the Western alliance over governments, led by France, that would like to develop the EC's independent defence muscle over the next decade. But the question remains open for discussion, not only inside the EC's treaty conferences but also at a Nato summit in November.

James Baker, the American Secretary of State, said: "I frankly think that the questions that might have come up or been raised in the past are beyond or behind us." He did not elaborate, but the French government had sounded quarrelsome in advance of the meeting. In the event, France decided to keep its powder dry and signed the communiqué without dissent. President Mitterrand's intentions on European defence remain as mysterious as ever.

Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, said the current debate was about reconciling the need for a greater "European identity" in defence with the "Atlantic basis" of the existing Nato. "That's where the work continues to be needed," he said. Roland Dumas, his French counterpart, said he was satisfied with the communiqué's acknowledgement of the importance of the community's discussions.

Mr Baker said afterwards the United States would "continue to support arrangements that our European allies decide are needed for the expression of the common European foreign, defence and security policy".



Man in the crowd: Vice-President Dan Quayle greets a Czechoslovak gathering outside Bardejov's town hall, during his tour of five European nations

Greek papers defy censor

From CHRIS ELIOU IN ATHENS

CONFRONTATION between the Greek government and the media worsened yesterday when six more newspapers were charged with defying a ban on publishing terrorist claims by printing a tract of the violent November 17 guerrilla group.

The proclamation claimed the responsibility for six recent rocket attacks, mainly against foreign firms, by the organisation, considered as one of Europe's deadliest. Publication of all such proclamations was prohibited by an anti-terrorist law enacted last November by the government of Constantine Mitsotakis, whose MP son-in-law was shot dead in September 1989 by the November 17 group, which has killed 16 Greeks and Americans since 1975.

The proclamation was fully published in Thursday's edition of the influential independent daily *Eleftherotypia (Press Freedom)*, whose director, Seraphim Fintanites, was promptly arrested and referred to trial. The supreme court prosecutor, Dimitris Tsevas, heading the government's fight against terrorism, filed charges against six more opposition newspapers and magazines yesterday that followed the lead of *Eleftherotypia* and reprinted the same proclamation yesterday in protest against the law, which, they claim, restricts freedom of the press and is unconstitutional.

The issue is a direct challenge to the government's authority and a censorship test case. Mr Fintanites's arrest caused an outcry from the Communist alliance and the Socialist main opposition party, whose leader and former prime minister, Andreas Papandreou, promised to take the issue to the European Parliament and the Council of Europe.

Mr Tsevas refrained from ordering the arrest of those involved in yesterday's defiance of the ban. Instead he gave the editors and publishers five days to appear before police for questioning. Violation of the law could mean a jail sentence of from six months to five years and fines of up to £150,000.

But the government insisted that the law must be obeyed and "greater sensitivity must be shown by everyone over the combating of terrorism" that has plagued Greece for the past two decades.

Nuclear plant closed

Paris — A nuclear plant in the southern French town of Pierrelatte has been shut down this week after the management failed to report two incidents in April in which radioactive materials were mishandled and came close to critical mass, risking a spontaneous nuclear reaction, the Nuclear Installation Safety Bureau of the French industry ministry said.

The incidents were rated at danger level two on an ascending scale of six, and revealed serious deficiencies in security arrangements. The bureau said that the plant would be reopened after the approval of new security measures proposed by the plant's managers. *(AFP)*

Migrant deal

Brussels — After the worst race riots in its history, Belgium has granted nationality to 40,000 immigrants, mainly from Africa, and made it easier to gain citizenship for those born in Belgium of foreign parents. *(Reuter)*

A new leaf

Amsterdam — KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, which made a loss last year, has replaced designer toilet paper on its aircraft with a plain version to help cut costs. *(Reuter)*

Prague jobless increase

From GERARD DAVIES IN PRAGUE

ABOUT 1,000 jobs are being lost each day in the Czech republic alone, the employment ministry has announced, and the number of people out of work is expected to pass the quarter-million mark by the end of the year, with at least twice that throughout Czechoslovakia.

Unemployment figures would have reached around 700,000 in the Czech lands by 1992, while left-wing opposition groups were predicting up to one-and-a-half million, but private enterprise and government schemes have helped bring down the dole queues, said Milan Horalek, minister of employment and social affairs.

Throughout 1990, 5,000 jobs were cut in the larger of the two republics, which have a combined work force of around 8 million — just under 60 per cent. But the rapid rationalisation brought 30,000 more in the first quarter of this year.

The monthly increase in unemployment doubled in April, and last month 28,000 more people lost their jobs.

The latest official statistics, compiled for the end of April, showed just over 105,000 jobless in Bohemia and Moravia.

PARIS NOTEBOOK by Philip Jacobson

French take their pecking orders

The etiquette of the public kiss is among the most unfathomable social codes confronting foreigners who embark upon the daunting task of getting to know the French. With whom does one do it, under what circumstances, how many times? The risk of *faux pas* is immense, and watching carefully yields precious little by way of reliable guidance.

When Edith Cresson took over as prime minister from Michel Rocard they exchanged the basic peck on each cheek that is the minimum compatible with politesse. When celebrities and the young meet, they tend to opt for the more elaborate four-timer. In Marseilles, with its Latin temperment, it is rumoured, five kisses is not considered extravagant when relatives meet.

Naturally, there is an intellectual basis to the whole kissing business, or so says a professor of sociology at the Sorbonne. For André Akoun, it is a symbol of the destructuralisation of French society since the student revolt of 1968. He said that the kiss brings "a whiff of American egalitarianism" to the austere and hierarchical structures of French family life. As the professor explains it, the post-68 set were anxious to restore "authenticity in relationships" and thus avoided the handshake of their parents' generation. Cheek kissing has nothing to with sex, he notes: but that's another story.

In an uncharacteristic moment of concern about citizens' rights, the French government decided the other day to conduct journalists around an underground bunker that houses an official telephone tapping operation. A stone's throw from the tomb of Napoleon in the Hotel des Invalides, it is run for the appropriately anonymous sounding Interministerial Control Group by a brisk army colonel.



Cresson: the minimum two-kiss salutation

Something in the region of 1,100 phones are regularly monitored in and outside Paris for "administrative" purposes, he explained, gesturing at a bank of slowly turning recording tapes. Taps are carried out on instructions from the prime minister's office or the defence and interior ministries: most of them last for about four months and the material is laboriously transcribed by some 350 technicians.

The colonel was anxious for it to be known that "private conversations or erotic exchanges" are of no concern to his listeners. They are not after routine criminals either. Somewhat surprisingly, he sounded pleased that as the result of new bill now going through the National Assembly, his secret little empire will emerge into the light of day, subjected to the standards of the European Community and the control of a newly established commission.

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New rulers scrap Mengistu's feared security service

From ANDREW LYCETT IN ADDIS ABABA

ETHIOPIA'S new provisional government, seeking to build confidence, yesterday ordered the Mengistu regime's feared security services to be closed down immediately.

The government, formed by the Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Democratic Front, said all offices of the government security service and the deposed president's Workers' Party of Ethiopia should be closed immediately and their contents sealed. Anyone found tampering with documents would be tried by a military tribunal.

It was an encouraging first step. Meles Zenawi, the front's leader, has promised to bring together the country's different political groupings for talks by July 1 to pave the way for a broad-based democratic government.

Mr Meles has named two parties that he hopes will attend the talks: the Eritrean People's Liberation Front, which now controls the northern province of Eritrea, and the Oromo Liberation Front, which is strongly based in the west of Ethiopa.

But it is still unclear who will represent the remaining Ethiopians, particularly the Amhara people, who make up 20 per cent of the population and are congregated round the capital. For better or worse, the Amhara have been Ethiopia's ruling elite for the past century. Their dominance of the system continued during the military dictatorship of Lieutenant-Colonel Mengistu. They felt their world had been overturned when the Ethiopian front marched in to Addis Ababa 10 days ago. Suddenly roads and buildings were policed by disciplined, armed teenagers from the Tigré countryside.

"It was as if the IRA had taken over London," said one observer. In demonstrations in Addis Ababa — until they were banned — and more recently in London, Moscow, and Washington, the Amhara and others have vented their wrath on Washington, which they believe helped the front's takeover of the country. No party represents the Amhara directly. For years they were the establishment and any dissident groups — usually left wing— were ruthlessly suppressed.

On the one hand, Mr Meles has made all the right noises about his commitment to democracy. On the other, political expression remains restricted. Demonstrations are banned, a curfew is in force, and the front has taken control of the media. The country's interim administration has little time for political dialogue; it is still struggling to come to terms with governing a sophisticated nation.

The front has won friends for its discipline and lack of vindictiveness. Political figures from the former regime were so concerned about the absence of security at their place of detention at Yekatit political school that they demanded reduced visiting hours.

For the time being, the atmosphere remains optimistic.



Firing line: a burning river of lava spews down the 4,452ft Mount Unzen on Kyushu Island, Japan, which erupted on Monday. The death toll stands at 38

Peking bans talk on rights by American

From CATHERINE SAMPSON IN PEKING

CHINESE police yesterday banned the American scholar and human rights activist, Orville Schell, from speaking to foreign reporters at a private meeting in Peking's Sheraton hotel. It is the first time that the police have stopped foreigners speaking to fellow foreigners, and illustrates the depth of government concern about foreign criticism of China's human rights record.

The incident also marks a new phase of harassment of foreign journalists based in Peking, with police accusing them of organising counter-revolutionary activities.

The authorities launched a two-pronged attack to stop Mr Schell giving a luncheon speech, entitled "The Silence of Chinese Intellectuals", to the Peking Foreign Correspondents' Club. The day before he was due to speak, the foreign ministry called in the club president to complain about the proposed speech. The official was particularly concerned that Mr Schell is a vice-chairman of the New York-based human rights organisation, Asia Watch. Since the Tiananmen Square killings, Asia Watch has published reports revealing the extent of human rights abuses in China.

Meanwhile, Huang Hanxin, the director of security for the Peking tourist administration, told the manager of the Sheraton that not only the luncheon but also a club barbecue booked to take place at the same hotel "would not be allowed to happen". He threatened that the Sheraton hotel's Chinese staff would suffer dramatic retribution. Every joint-venture hotel in the city had been ordered not to accept bookings for the lunch or the barbecue.

Mr Huang said he represented higher authorities, who believed that "the real purpose of these two events is to change the country's system" and that they must be "firmly stopped". His allegations came soon after a report by the official news agency, Xinhua, that foreigners, including journalists, had "tried in vain to create disturbances in Peking" on the second anniversary of the mass killings. It is believed that a government directive ordered closer monitoring of the activities of foreign journalists during the sensitive period of the anniversary.

That does not explain why the barbecue, scheduled for June 15, has been banned. Rather, it seems that a deficient sense of humour is to blame. The club's internal newsletter, on a whim, referred to the barbecue as the "peaceful evolution summer ball".

In the code of Peking's Communist extremists, "peaceful evolution" represents the evil plot of Westerners to overthrow the Communist party. Mr Huang told the manager of the Sheraton that the police believed the barbecue was to be a "peaceful evolution dance aimed at changing the country's system" and, also inaccurately, that speeches were planned.

A letter of protest from the club to the authorities yesterday complained about increasingly heavy surveillance. A week ago journalists, attending a farewell picnic for one of their number, found that, as they ate sandwiches and played with their children, 15 secret police were lurking behind trees and walls taking photographs.

Zulus kill policeman in Soweto

Johannesburg — Troops surrounded a Zulu migrant workers' hostel in Soweto after gunmen shot dead a police sergeant and wounded three other policemen during a raid (Ray Kennedy writes).

The Zulu-based Inkatha movement said the hostel inmates opened fire because they thought they were being attacked by the ANC. The police said their men were walking towards the building when they came under fire.

Jakarta kidnap

Jakarta — Gunmen kidnapped Saut Aritonang, secretary-general of the Indonesian Solidarity trade union, on a Jakarta street and held him blindfolded and handcuffed for four days before releasing him unharmed.

Peru protests

Lima — Thousands of striking nurses and teachers demanding higher wages blockaded streets and threw rocks at police in the largest labour march since President Fujimori took office last July. *(AFP)*

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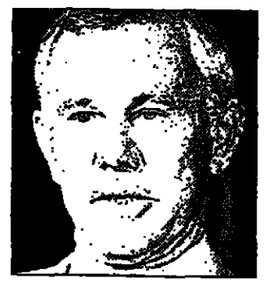
Adelaide — An Australian supreme court judge, Robin Millhouse, aged 61, who wanted a bicycle instead of the car offered in a salary package, has been told it is four wheels or nothing. *(Reuter)*

Court jester takes King Carson's slot

From JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

POWER struggles for succession within American television networks resemble nothing so much as the internecine strife within medieval royal families.

American viewers has just witnessed a jousting match between two pretenders to the throne of Johnny Carson, American television's "King of the Night", in which a young court jester outwitted the head of a rival barony.



Carson: grim battle for showtime succession

Carson has ruled the night-time air-waves for an unprecedented three decades as the host of NBC's *The Tonight Show*, an after-dinner talk show that has long dominated the television ratings for its time slot.

Carson became the "King of the Night" in 1962 when, as a young comedian and former magician, he accepted the *Tonight Show* job turned down by the likes of Groucho Marx, Jackie Gleason and Bob Newhart.

Two weeks ago Carson, now 65, announced he was leaving *The Tonight Show*, triggering a succession struggle between Jay Leno, a young comic who substituted on Carson's show, and David Letterman, NBC's other late-night comedy star.

"I like Jay Leno," Carson said. "As a matter of fact, he is concerned about my health. He's been coming up to me every two minutes, asking 'How are you feeling? Is your thyroid all right?' And he suggested that I go jogging in Central Park at midnight." David Letterman, 43, whose zany *Late Night with David Letterman* has aired after *The Tonight Show* for the last nine years, has been manoeuvring for the No 1 night-time slot for years.

On Thursday, NBC announced it has chosen Leno, a clean-cut mainstream comic, over the more cultish Letterman, provoking a flurry of reports that Letterman was "furious" and "boiling mad". NBC had to dispatch its president of entertainment to Los Angeles to break the news to Letterman in person, and still the jilted star is said to be considering breaking his contract with the network.

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Excluded by the nation's church

Belief in a free-market economy and in the disestablishment of the church are apparently two different things, although Norman Tebbit has mischievously linked them by calling for the "privatisation" of the church. But having a church "by law established" is thumpingly part of the idea of big government, which the Thatcherite ideologues were committed to dismantling. When that church became an enclave of anti-Thatcherism, the radical right was tempted to clip its wings.

But politicians were deterred from venturing too far into the constitutional quagmire of church and state by an unresolved debate about "values" in a free-market society. The establishment of the Church of England stands symbolically for the need for a set of public moral standards. Ideologically, the right-wing divides between "economic liberals" (free-market radicals who may be morally conservative) and libertarians (who are both economically and morally radical). The difference is between those who make a virtue only of economic freedom and those who see economic freedom as part of a more general freedom.



Lord Beloff: warning of second-class citizens

The second group believes that morality itself should be privatised, and all behavioural choices, economic or moral, should be left to the individual (provided, it is usually added, they do not harm others). It follows that religion should be privatised, and the state has no role.

But this horrifies other right-wingers who, following Adam Smith, think capitalism demands a set of common moral values. Their complaint against the Church of England is not that it is established, but on the contrary that it is not forthright enough in urging Christian standards upon the nation.

This ideological debate went on under the bedclothes of Thatcherism as long as political power was in Mrs Thatcher's hands, because her instincts were those of an economic liberal rather than a libertarian. But it could be an important debate for the future of Conservative political philosophy, particularly if the party has to face a period out of power.

Although libertarianism could have some startling consequences, for instance the decriminalisation of hard drugs, its main strength is in countering the twofold weakness in the opposing idea. The notion of a public morality, though still sustainable, is rapidly using up its shelf-life.

The concept of an official morality, like the concept of an official religion, is increasingly at odds with ethnic pluralism. Public policy has gradually moved away from "imposed Christianity", which is bound to raise further hard questions as it moves on. Why should bigamy or polygamy be a crime, for instance? Christianity forbids it, but Islam does not. Why should Christianity alone be protected by the law against blasphemy?

In a debate in the House of Lords in 1988, Lord Beloff, a Jew, complained that references in the Education Reform Act to the special place of Christianity would turn those who practise different religious faiths into "second-class citizens". Inevitably, these clauses in the act are now causing great difficulties for head teachers who have substantial numbers of children of Asian (and hence non-Christian) origin.

Secondly, the Church of England's status as the depository of public moral values is diminishing as its numbers diminish. More than the 2.5 per cent of the population who attend Anglican services weekly would support the church's special status, but most people are now so thoroughly unchurched that they take no bearings from it.

Why should a religion actively practised by such a small number have unique privileges? The only possible justification is that the health of civil society demands it that there must be somebody somewhere keeping safe a set of moral Crown Jewels.

This, however, has consequences that could put the Church at odds with its conscience. It has put itself at the head of those demanding racial tolerance and multiculturalism. It preaches non-discrimination, and smooth inclusion into British society of new immigrant communities.

Yet the Church is jealous of its status as a national church, and will not willingly give up its position as a legally established institution. Yet the statement made by that established status is clear: to be totally English (or Scottish), one needs to be Christian, and even a certain sort of Christian. Otherwise, in Lord Beloff's phrase, one is a "second-class citizen". But the subtle automatic imposition of second-class citizenship on minorities and newcomers is the essence of the racism which the churches so vehemently oppose.

They are at last beginning to realise the contradiction. The new Council of Churches for Britain and Ireland has just published a series of essays, *Belonging to Britain*, which skirts nervously around the question. The Rev Alastair Hunter, lecturer in Hebrew and Old Testament Studies at Glasgow University, attacks the Church of Scotland's self-regard as the national church, and suggests it opens the door to racism. He sees even tolerant church leaders encouraging the "popular superstition that white equals Christian equals British equals 'our' culture, while non-white equals heathen equals immigrant equals 'their' culture".

Where he falters is in merely urging them to stop speaking this way, rather than pursuing the logic of his case to its conclusion. Only in a society in which all faiths (and atheism) have equal legal status can everyone be fully accepted as a citizen. Just telling people they are accepted will not do the trick. And ultimately this must mean — in Mr Tebbit's phrase — privatisation. But the inventor of the famous "cricket test" of nationality may not like the reasoning.

Life is just beginning for the Duke

Life over seventy can be fulfilling as never before, just so long as the mind is still active, writes **Barbara Cartland**

Fifty-three years ago I was sitting with Lady Louis Mountbatten in the drawing-room of a small house in Belgravia which she and her husband occupied during the war. Suddenly the door burst open and a tall, very good-looking young man with fair hair and blue eyes dashed across the room. He kissed Lady Louis saying: "Forgive me, I'm terribly late, see you tonight," and went out like a whirlwind.

When I looked at Lady Louis enquiringly, she explained: "That is Dickie's nephew Philip who is on leave from his ship. He is fabulous and we love having him, but we are so overcrowded that he has to sleep in the attic."

On Monday HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, will be 70. He can look back with satisfaction and know that he and the Queen have proved brilliantly that a Royal family with its stability and continuity are best for a country. We are the envy of Europe. The French and the Germans long for royal families; Italians cry because they do not have one. Many people in the countries just coming out from under the yoke of the Soviet Union — such as Hungary, Romania and Yugoslavia — are hoping for the restoration of their monarchies.

Nowadays a 70th birthday is by no means the end of the road. The scintillating seventies are the gateway to the exciting eighties. (I am looking still further, because I shall be 90 in five weeks' time.) Queen Elizabeth I was 70 when, with outstanding brilliance, she made this country more powerful than it had ever been before. Winston Churchill was seventy when he reached the zenith of his power and led us to victory against all odds in the second world war.

Einstein began working on a new theory of the universe at 71. What matters when one gets well on in life, is to keep the brain working. I have found with my interest in alternative medicine that it is the people who do not use their brains when they retire who become senile. But whatever you undertake, whatever the task may be — and you must do something — one asset is essential: friendliness. In middle age, the opportunity for making valuable friendships is unique.



Advice for Prince Philip at 70, from Barbara Cartland, nearly 90

"To be 70 years young is sometimes far more cheerful and hopeful than to be 40 years old," said Oliver Wendell Holmes.

Sophocles wrote one of the greatest tragedies in literature, *Oedipus at Colonus*, at a very advanced age, and Titian was 99 when he painted his masterpiece, *Christ of Pity*.

Charles Darwin, when he was 70, regretted he had concentrated so exclusively on the scientific work which proved his greatness. "If I had my life to live again," he said, "I would make it a rule to read some poetry and listen to some music at least once every week. The loss of these tastes is the loss of happiness." Darwin, we might think, contributed all and more than a man should to the world of the mind. But he knew he had missed something. It was not sufficient to busy one's mind entirely with practical things. Men and women need a spirit which raises them from above all other living things.

George Bernard Shaw summed up the knack of happiness when he said: "The secret of being miserable is to have the leisure to bother whether you are happy or not." There is an unlimited power in life, whether one believes it is divine or human in origin. What matters is that it is there to be used.

Prince Philip, who is very intelligent, will realise that it is only after 70 years of experience, of success and disappointment, of failure and triumph, that a human being can build a character with depth and power. Mentally, His Royal Highness's powers are still on the threshold of greatness. Physically, he has capabilities and reserves of energy which he did not know in youth.

In time of human crisis, war, famine, natural catastrophe, it is the older men who bear the brunt and lend their spirit and resistance to the young. I feel sure Prince Philip will not waste this rich deposit of experience, joy and ability and let it lie unused and unspent. He will utilise it for the benefit of his family and the young of the country.

All sells that ends well

Happy endings such as the rewrite of *Dying Young* have been popular with the punters since the beginning of drama, says **Benedict Nightingale**



Aristotle missed the movie *Pretty Woman* when it played in downtown Athens, but he was well aware of the theoretical problems it posed. Back in 335 BC he somewhat sniffily conceded that works in which the good end happily and the bad unhappily were "accounted the best because of the spectator's weakness, for the poet is guided in what he writes by the wishes of his audience".

Clearly, some Hollywood moguls keep *The Poetics* beside their copies of *Variety*. Not long ago, they made John Cleese reshoot bits of *A Fish Called Wanda*, softening the ending as well as a section in which Michael Palin murdered a dog. Then they prevented Julia Roberts walking out on Richard Gere in *Pretty Woman*. Now, audiences have left previews of the same actress's *Dying Young*, enraged by her decision to reject her cancer-stricken boyfriend for a less ravaged lover. When the ending is reshot, as it will be, Miss Roberts will be perched cosily by the deathbed, like Florence Nightingale at Scutari.

This is not a new phenomenon, nor one confined to the cinema. The Victorians banned Ibsen's *A Doll's House*, which ends with a misused wife slamming out of her husband's life, but flocked to an adaptation called *Breaking a Butterfly*, in which she compliments him on his nobility and stays put. But that was nothing beside the revisionism suffered by Shakespeare. David Garrick gave *Romeo and Juliet* a happy ending, and, more notoriously, Nahum Tate's *Lear* left Cordelia married to Edgar and the old king contentedly counting his toes in some primeval sunset home.

That ending held the stage from 1681 to 1838, and was approved even by the unsentimental Dr Johnson, who admitted to finding Cordelia's death unbearable. It found a still stronger apologist in Thomas Rymer, who is remembered today because Macaulay called him the worst critic that ever lived, but who was respected by Dryden and highly influential in the late 17th century. For him, Shakespeare was a barbarian and *Othello* in particular a "bloody farce", ending as it does with the heroine's death:

"We may ask what unnatural crime Desdemona had committed to bring this judgement upon her, to wed a Blackamoor and, innocent, to be cruelly murdered by him. O whither must our reflection lead us? Is not this to envenom and sour our spirits, to make us repine and grumble at Providence? If this be our end, what boots it to be virtuous?"

Nowadays it is not fashionable to talk of poetic justice, but in the past it has sometimes seemed a moral imperative, more important than truth itself. As Rymer's contemporary John Dennis argued, the author is the god of his little universe and must therefore dish out the temporal equivalents of eternal punishments and rewards.

By such examples is virtue justified and vice discouraged. If Miss Roberts's boyfriend in *Dying Young* were revealed to be a mass-murdering ex-member of Securitate, she could slip arsenic into his drip-feed. If he is a nice guy, poetic justice demands either that he make a miracle recovery or that he pass happily away while she feeds him Lucozade or sings songs from *The Sound of Music*.

Mark you, Dennis and Rymer were probably not at the front of the moguls' minds when they decided to sweeten their films. Al did not precisely say to Art: "There'll sure be a helluva grumbling at providence and envenoming of spirits among the folks out there if we don't give them some poetic justice." But that is roughly what he meant. The craving for a happy ending, is, at root, a craving to make-believe that the world is a safer, juster, more orderly place than we know it to be. In America, happy endings are also patriotic, since they represent the triumph of New World optimism over European fatalism. But that would have cut little ice either with Aristotle, who admired Euripides precisely because of his grim denouements, or with most of his heirs.

Comedy was the place for upbeat endings. Tragedy, as serious drama was generically known, could end without disaster; but as the great Renaissance critic Julius Caesar Scaliger said, it was best suited to "slaughters, despair, suicides, exiles, bereavements, parricides, incests, conflagrations, battles, putting out of eyes, weeping, bewailing, funerals, eulogies and dirges". The answer, then, may be not to demand a happy ending, but to learn to enjoy a dismal one.

But how? Theories abound. Aristotle found "thrilling with terror and melting with pity" pleasantly cathartic. Others, more cynical, have speculated that it is consoling to contrast our own comfort with the agonies of strangers. Schiller welcomed the opportunity to wallow in sympathy for the afflicted; Zola claimed to take scientific delight in contemplating the grim realities of life, and poor mad Schopenhauer declared that the more horrible the world was shown to be, the more cheerfully we would renounce everything, including the very will to live.

But these claims are not especially attractive to Hollywood. Imagine the long-term impact on the box office if *A Fish Called Wanda* deprived punters of the will to live. The moguls are not likely to heed Schopenhauer or Zola or, for that matter, those 20th-century critics who find happy phoney to have any ending at all but let alone a happy one. "Post-modernist rubbish," say Al and Art as they do their sums in the company swimming pool.

Well, mankind cannot bear very much reality, and, if the preview audiences are representative, it's tolerance-level is declining. What next? Perhaps a marriage-guidance counsellor from Corinth to help Oedipus and Jocasta resolve their domestic difficulties? A phalanx of paramedics with antibiotics and "Fight Syphilis" badges would certainly brighten up *Ghosts*. A white-bearded Godot might arrive with reindeer and a sledgeful of presents. The possibilities for creative destruction are endless.

...and moreover

Matthew Parris

My opposition to compulsory seatbelts was never based on any silly idea that their use was unwise. Common sense cries out to the contrary. Only a fool would not use seatbelts on every occasion. In 1979 I watched parliamentary colleagues opposed (like me) to compulsion attach themselves to hairbrained theories about the possible dangers of wearing a seatbelt, and inwardly smiled.

Time would find them out. The belief that liberty is noble is cruelly confused with the argument that liberty pays, and a million second-rate intellects from John Stuart Mill onwards have found it easier to rely on the latter. Mrs Thatcher reserves the former for celebratory use in after-dinner speeches.

So we took evidence about seatbelt injuries from American professors and interviewed behavioural psychologists about the urge to drive faster when securely belted in, and I nodded wisely, and kept my counsel. But I am proud that my first question in Parliament, 12 years ago this month, went like this:

"Does the minister acknowledge that self-mutilation has never been illegal in this country and that suicide ceased to be illegal 15 years ago? Would it not be odd for it to be illegal to risk doing by mistake what it is legal to do on purpose?"

Norman Fowler chose not to engage with this. "My hon friend," he replied, "is making an important point about persuasion." The hell I was. Norman looked over his shoulder at me as if I were mad.

The best thing Bertrand Russell ever said came near the end of his life. "Some people say I'm gaga," he said, "but I'm not."

In my bleakest moments, such as when MPs are debating "the scourge of the international drugs trade", I whisper that to myself, alternating it with advice from the late Martin Stevens MP: "Stick to your guns, dear boy." The richest blessing any man can ask for is to be dismissed as wicked or crazy, early in his life and in some important matter, when he knows he is right. For at that point he detaches himself from the rest of the race and never again accepts that just because everybody says something is so, it is so.

Anyway, it is now the case that if you desire to kill yourself and attempt this by driving without a seatbelt into a tree, you may be charged with failing to secure your seatbelt, but not with attempted suicide.

Not that there is any fight left in the seatbelts issue. Compulsory *rear* seatbelts will be with us soon, as was inevitable the moment the front-seat legislation was in place. But had I tried to debate rear seatbelts during our filibusters against the front-seat bill, the Speaker would have ruled me out of order: for a tyranny of parliamentary order is that if your are travelling from Hatton Cross to Piccadilly and Hounslow West is the next station, you cannot debate Piccadilly: you can only debate Hounslow West.

Released from such tyranny, and greeting with wry smile this week's parliamentary argument about whether to ban tobacco advertising — wry because it is certain that in due course we will — I decided to peer a little further down the line and offer a glimpse of *Hansard* on a debate 12 years hence, in June, 2003.

"Mr Speaker, the bill before us would prohibit the advertising and explicit labelling or display, of chocolate.

"I realise that many hon friends regard this measure as draconian. But that is not how future generations will see it. To demonstrate that our successors will thank us for this legislation, I should like to review the recent history of so-called libertarian opposition to measures aimed at protecting the public.

"Who, today, would seriously question the motorcycle crash helmet laws of the 1970s, the seatbelt legislation of the '80s and '90s, or the pedestrian crash helmet (compulsion) act of 1997? The equivalent measure for pedal cyclists, passed in 1994, showed the way. It is hard to believe that anyone hung back!

"They hung back when, having failed to stop the ban on tobacco advertising, its logic was extended to the advertising and packaging of alcohol. But does anyone today believe that our children should be exhorted on billboards to buy hard liquor, or exposed to displays of explicitly labelled bottles in shops to which they have access? The very idea now seems laughable.

"Chocolate, Mr Speaker, can kill..."

The very idea now seems laughable.

DIARY

As I said on the radio...

It used to be said that a letter in *The Times* carried more weight than a parliamentary speech. Nowadays one would have to throw into the equation an appearance on Radio 4's *Today* programme. Yesterday, yet another government minister chose to announce a policy initiative on the morning programme rather than in a Commons statement or through the usual Whitehall channels, when Kenneth Baker unveiled proposals on the sentencing of sex offenders.

The programme's editor, Philip Harding, admits there is a growing trend for ministers to queue outside the studio door to leak their proposals (though the leak has usually been sprung to *The Times* the day before). "Ministers now ring us asking to come on as often as we ring to invite them." But the programme is alert to the dangers of being manipulated. "We consider each offer on merit. We often turn ministers down."

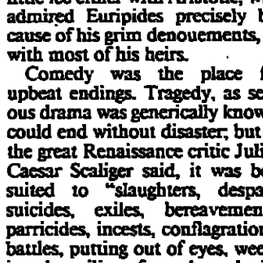
In the past three weeks alone, listeners have heard Michael Heseltine announce details of a new system of inner-city grants, Malcolm Rifkind reveal his initiative to shift freight from road to rail, Tim Eggar disclose details of compulsory testing, and Virginia Bottomley unveil guidelines for social workers in child abuse cases. The attractions are clear: not only do ministers get their views across to an audience of seven million, they can set the political agenda for the rest of the day. The practice illustrates the changing nature of news management. Joe Haines, press secretary to Harold Wilson, says: "This was unheard of in my day. The Commons was far too jealous about news being released in the Chamber before being released elsewhere."

The trend owes much to the arrival as Downing Street press secretary of Gus O'Donnell. His predecessor, Sir Bernard Ingham, conducted a vendetta against the *Today* programme after he was labelled a one-man "conspiracy" by presenter Brian Redhead. "From that moment I was", says Ingham, who did everything in his power to prevent ministers appearing on it.

● *Alan Bleasdale seems an unlikely hero for the right, but Labour MPs fear that his new series about the excesses of left-wing power in local government, GBH, could cost them the Liverpool Walton by-election. With the writ likely to be moved next week, the seven-week series, which contains unflattering echoes of recent Labour politics in the city, is scheduled to run throughout the campaign. "Norman Tebbit will love it," says Labour MP Tony Banks. "Channel Four should consider whether they can continue to screen it during the by-election before life ends up imitating art."*

Fare to Piccadilly

The new Sackler galleries which open at the Royal Academy next week, owe their existence, it seems, to a chance meeting on the back of a bus. They were born, says the Academy's president Roger de Grey, some years ago when he bumped into the multi-millionaire Arthur Sackler on a bus *en route* to the opening of a Chagall exhibition in Philadelphia. "I sat with my chin on the back of Arthur's seat and we talked about things," says de Grey. "I had only just become president of the Academy and Mr Sackler knew far more about galleries than I did. He wanted to know the square footage, the height of the galleries, that



sort of thing." The deal was struck in principle there and then, but sadly Sackler, who made his fortune selling the patent for valium, did not live to see the galleries.

Ladies of the dance

Appropriately, the tributes to Margot Fonteyn at her memorial service at Westminster Abbey next month are to be led by Dame Ninette de Valois. Now aged 92, Valois first discovered Fonteyn at the age of 14 and promoted her to leading dancer in the Vic-Wells Ballet at just 16.

An address will also be given by Patricia Foy, who produced various dance films with Fonteyn, including the last, *Margot Fonteyn: The Story of a Dancer*, in 1989. Foy suggested they film Fonteyn, who by this time had a paralysed foot, walking along a riverbank in Cambridge. She could not make it and Foy poignantly recalls her saying: "My foot will not get better, but when I think of all the fouettés it has done for me I can't complain."

Harrowing thought

Old Etonian Harold Macmillan famously warned against selling the family silver. But what of the alma mater's bronze? The question is the subject of some pain to the governors of Harrow School, who just under 20 years ago sold a bronze sculpture donated in memory of an old boy for £18,000. Later this month the same piece will come up for auction for an estimated £500,000.

The bronze, of an African king or nobleman on horseback was given to the school in 1927 by the widow of the old Harrovian J.F. Mosely. Sotheby's was instructed by the school to sell it in 1972, and will wield the hammer again on June 17. Tribal art is the subject of considerable "market excitement" at present, says Sotheby's by way of explanation. "The school could have done itself a lot of good if it had hung on to the sculpture."

But then again, perhaps the governors were merely acting in accordance with the school's motto: *stet fortuna domus donorum dei dispensatio fidelis.*

● *Yesterday saw the opening in London of a long overdue exhibition of the work of Iggy Sommerville, the artist who shot to fame in 1921 when at the age of three her work was displayed at the Royal Drawing Society. By the age of ten, she had mounted her first exhibition at the Claridge Gallery, and before she reached her teens she had sold more than 100 pictures. But despite painting till her death in 1975, the last exhibition in her lifetime was in 1932. The ultimate example of peaking too early?*

DIVIDED THEY STAND

Party-split time is here again. Labour, after an apparently blissful few months of poll success, has plunged into not one but two internecine rows. Its headquarters have seen a recurrence of leader-versus-executive conflict that must bring back fond, or grim, memories to the stalwarts of the 1960s. Meanwhile in Liverpool, the Walton by-election promises a left-right encounter of the sort Neil Kinnock hoped was confined to the museum of Labour history. The prospect of two "Labour" candidates, with a dash of Liverpool's gangland violence, is the last thing the new Labour party wants just now.

The Conservatives can take some comfort from this but not much. Murmurings of unsteadiness in John Major's leadership have been overwhelmed by the sudden aftershock of last November's earthquake. Tory managers can hardly have expected Margaret Thatcher to leave the stage with a meek "I was wrong after all and shall now return to my knitting." She is a red-blooded politician, who feels deeply that much of what she constructed in the 1980s is at risk. She sees her legacy traduced, her poll tax abandoned, her Europe policy diluted and her "inflation" blamed for the party's current predicament. She may struggle to keep her mouth shut but words keep slipping out and gossip will take hold.

Does all this matter to the electorate? It would if the intra-party conflict were deep, showing leadership in disarray and suggesting to the electorate a lack of discipline and direction. A vote for such a party is dangerous. Such were the Tories in the two elections of 1974. Such was Labour in 1979. In both cases a deep fissure, part personal, part ideological, appeared to exist within the ruling elite. Although opinion polls indicated other factors, notably the economy, as chiefly affecting voter choice, the fact in each case that a party was regarded as split was damaging.

No such split afflicts either Labour or Conservative parties today. Mr Kinnock is personally unchallenged as leader. He has reformed his party's constitution to strengthen his position. The leader's office is dominant over the party apparatus and Mr Kinnock's allies are in crucial shadow cabinet positions. Walton could be ghastly for Labour, but shrewd tacticians should turn it to the leader's advantage and present it as mere eccentricity.

Labour's electoral liabilities at present are seen as Mr Kinnock's own implausibility as a prime minister and the party's continuing relationship with the unions. Last week's reassertion of leadership control over the party machine and next month's by-election could help. For the past eight years, Mr Kinnock has struggled to overcome his party's reputation for disunity. In this he has largely succeeded. He can stand a little local trouble at Walworth Road and Walton.

Nor need Mr Major worry unduly about Mrs Thatcher's capacity to damage him. Indeed, the sooner she comes out with her worries the better for him (and probably for her). Nobody can doubt why and on what issues she disagrees with the government's present course. Mr Major has established himself at the head of his cabinet, but still needs to be seen as his own man ideologically. A public clearing of the air with his most distinguished backbencher would do no harm. He must be the one to define post-Thatcherism. He could choose no better antagonist than Mrs Thatcher herself.

Indeed the chief threat to the internal stability of both the big parties is a loss of nerve on the part of their leaders. The gossip mongers of whips' offices, party headquarters, Westminster corridors and lunch tables spread the same dread message: disagreement is disloyalty is disunity is disaster. Not so. British politics is enjoying the uncertainty of a new era. Nothing could be more stimulating to the electoral soul. At times like this, wise politicians enter the fray with a confident smile.

BARGAIN OR ILLUSION

Great bargains, as every high street shopper knows, need to be examined sceptically. The idea that billions of dollars of Western aid could transform the Soviet Union into an efficient market economy is seductive but dangerous. The money could just as well be sucked into an economic black hole and disappear without trace. Any aid must follow and support structural, political and economic reform, not precede it: the Soviet Union must not be tempted to use aid as a substitute for that reform.

Current proposals for shock economic therapy, market reform in one bound, were drafted by the Soviet economist, Dr Grigori Yavlinski, with the help of Harvard scholars, notably Professor Jeffrey Sachs, the architect of the Polish Big Bang. The Polish precedent is significant. That particular road to the market has proved attractive to the International Monetary Fund and to Western creditor governments, who have written off 50 per cent of Poland's official debt. The plan's central weakness is that the Soviet Union is not Poland.

Even the Polish reform has not yet fully proved itself. Privatisation of the retail sector is in full swing. Half a million new businesses were established last year, and 60,000 small shops were privatised. But worker discontent is rising; the market-led recession is far deeper than anyone had predicted. Unemployment could reach two million by the end of the year.

Poland accepted the need for a market revolution after a political one that ousted a deeply unpopular communist regime, felt as an alien imposition. Mr Gorbachev may also be ready to discard communism, but so far the indications are that he wants Western help to save his particular version of Soviet centralism, rather than hasten its demise.

Mr Gorbachev's grand bargain would be no more than an expensive waste of money until he can offer the West some guarantee, beyond verbal promises, that he intends to lead his country down the road indicated by the Polish experience. A strong political consensus in favour of market economics is essential before reform can take root. Shock therapy, as the name implies, is profoundly painful. For this pain to be borne patiently, over time, it must be chosen freely; there has to be intensive democratisation.

The right parallel for both the West and Mr Gorbachev to follow is that between Poland and the individual Soviet republics. They too have a taste for freedom and a longing for self-determination. What they may not be willing to bear for the sake of the old Soviet Union, they could consent to in the name of the new Ukraine, Georgia, the Baltic states, Russia itself. Market reforms have to be administered through geographical and ethnic units which can command political support. The aim should be many "national" market economies, linked by free trade, treating the republics as sovereign equivalents to the member states of the EC. The West should have no truck with aid that merely perpetuates the centralisation of power in the Kremlin at the expense of the republics.

Any aid should be directly linked to the development of market-oriented plans in newly democratic republics. Initially it should be "seed-corn", channelled through each republic's capital. The West should help train local governors, managers and accountants. By promoting free trade zones, drafting tax laws, valuing factory assets, the foundations for more substantial economic change can be laid. To start with such predominantly "know-how" assistance, along lines already practised in eastern Europe, may seem less dramatic and lavish than proposals being prepared for the Group of Seven session. But it might prevent the grand bargain ending as nothing more than a grand illusion.

WAVES OF EMOTION

Lord Lundy from his earliest years
Was far too freely moved to tears . . .

and we all know what happened to him. They had him down to be the next prime minister but three: "The stocks were sold; the Press was squared;/ The Middle Class was quite prepared." But Lord Lundy's blubbing was his downfall: "Very soon his friends began/ To doubt if he were quite the man." By the end of Hilaire Belloc's cautionary tale, all Lord Lundy was fit for was governing New South Wales.

George Bush, beware! On Thursday, addressing a 20,000-strong crowd of Southern Baptists, tears rolled down his cheeks as he recalled how he had wept just before the allied attack on Baghdad. The breakdown may have been genuine, but from this side of the Atlantic it seemed just a little contrived. Sending men to war may be an emotional experience, but is it so easy to cry when recalling it five months later without a whiff of onion to stimulate the ducts?

This rare display of emotion was apparently a big hit with the Baptists. Perhaps the watery symbolism appealed to them; certainly the mention of Mr Bush's religious agonies was a great success. When he admitted in a cracked voice that he was worried about crying in public, his triumph was assured.

Is Mr Bush blazing a trail for the New Man? Is this a symptom of his "kinder, gentler" America? Or is he simply trying to shake off his New England, episcopalian, reserved image, and to win some of the down-to-earth appeal which came so easily to the professional actor, Ronald Reagan? American voters may be fonder of emotional displays than the British, but it was not so long ago that Mr Bush was trying to lay to rest the wimp factor.

Before the beginning of the 19th century men had more licence to cry. Many of Shakespeare's heroes wept: Hamlet, Othello, even Mark Antony ("poor soul, his eyes are red as fire with weeping"). But crying as a sign of weakness was even then despised. "Let not women's weapons, water-drops,/ Stain my man's cheeks!" says Lear. "Be of good comfort Master Ridley, and play the man," was Bishop Latimer's stern advice to the tearful Ridley as flames were about to lick the martyrs' feet.

It was the Victorian public-school's stiff-upper-lip ethos which really stifled male tears. Even now boys' prep schools spend much of their time teaching their charges how not to cry. Yet Charles Dickens, that consummate Victorian, would weep every time he gave a public reading of *Little Nell*, reducing the whole audience, male and female, to tears too. Oscar Wilde was scathing: "One would have to have a heart of stone to read the death of Little Nell without laughing."

Winston Churchill had nothing to offer but "blood, toil, tears and sweat" and offered his own tears in abundance, mainly in private, occasionally at Westminster. Yet Churchill was excused for what he called his "black dog" of depression. He had proved his moral and physical courage many times over. But the idea of a modern male politician weeping in the Commons is grimly comical. He would not be man enough: MPs would laugh so much there would hardly be a dry eye in the House.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Improving the health of the nation

From Dr Adrian R. Rogers

Sir, The prime function of the National Health Service has been until now the treatment of illness and the carrying out of such preventive measures as have been soundly proven to be effective, e.g., immunisation, antenatal care and hypertension screening. Now it seems we are to consider spending huge sums of public money to promote health measures, most of which are little more than common sense and actually of dubious proven value, i.e., to set government targets to change eating, drinking, smoking and exercise habits in the nation (reports, leading article, June 5).

The cost of this type of health promotion is almost unlimited and it takes away money that might have been available to treat the sick. The plans and programmes needed to promote measures like "no smoking" and "weight loss" are of such nebulous dimension that they would feed bureaucracy and employ endlessly hosts of committees and officials.

Common-sense health measures are the responsibility of individuals, with government taking a restrictive role only when needed, e.g., to criminalise drug abuse or most sensibly to ban tobacco advertising. Even the most expensive health campaigns cannot match the power of the media, who carry out the job free and on a daily or weekly basis in magazines, news reports and specialist programmes.

Those of us who trained to diagnose and treat sickness in general practice will find only a lesser occupation in a trend which will end up with doctors' practices developing into fitness clubs and talking shops.

Yours faithfully,
ADRIAN ROGERS,
Cranmere House,
Trews Weir Reach,
Exeter, Devon.
June 5.

From Dr R. T. D. Oliver

Sir, I heartily applaud Woodrow Wyatt's defence of his daily indulgences and his appeal that we pay greater attention to our diet ("Dying off the fat of the land", June 4).

Working as I do in the area of London with the highest incidence of cancer and the lowest proportion of wealth (as measured by the proportion of houses in the G band of the new council tax), the recent report on the effect of poverty on diet provides adequate evidence that diet could well be a factor in our high incidence of cancer, to say nothing of its relevance to our high incidence of tuberculosis.

I would strongly support Woodrow Wyatt's appeal for more research into human nutrition and it would seem that Tower Hamlets could be a good place to start.

Yours faithfully,
R. T. D. OLIVER,
The London Hospital
Medical College,
Department of Medical Oncology,
Turner Street, E1.

From Dr Maurice H. Rosen

Sir, As a GP in the East End of London looking after large numbers of the homeless, my research in the past year indicates that of 951 patients examined to date 23 per cent were suffering from malnutrition, quite apart from their other physical and mental illnesses.

Despite numerous meetings with health ministers over the years to discuss the health needs of the homeless, particularly in terms of access to care, there has been minimal action taken.

There seems little point in talking about a healthy and classless society when there are certain groups who are not even on the first rung of the ladder and are continually ignored.

Yours faithfully,
MAURICE H. ROSEN,
21 Commercial Street, E1.
June 5.

From the Director of the Children's Society

Sir, I read the surprising comments by Ann Widdecombe, the social security minister, about the National Children's Home report on the diet of children in poor families with some concern (details, June 4). The Children's Society's experience is that poor parents are highly committed to their children's welfare, and readily deny themselves food to ensure that their children eat adequately. What is clear, however, is that this still places an unmanageable burden on very limited and highly-stretched family budgets in many cases.

The minister's apparent lack of awareness of this is further compounded by the government's unwillingness to identify exactly what element of benefit, such as income support, is intended to be spent on food, and on maintaining an adequate diet. The Children's Society was recently informed by another social security minister, Lord Henley, that he believes that income support recipients can follow a normal healthy diet, but that it is "not practicable" to set a figure for how much should be spent on food.

Yours sincerely,
IAN SPARKS, Director,
The Children's Society,
Edward Rudolf House,
Margery Street, WC1.
June 4.

From Mr Matthew Wyatt

Sir, Ann Widdecombe made a very good point. If people are in such financial difficulty that they need to rely on income support, would it not be logical for them to eat in the most economical way possible?

I know of several low-income families who seem to live on take-away food, frozen vegetables, pre-prepared meals and who smoke heavily. I do not wish to sound unsympathetic, but I see no reason to increase their support in order that they should continue to waste money on such goods.

Yours faithfully,
M. P. WYATT,
47 Bradman Way,
Stevenage, Hertfordshire.

Pastiche and Paternoster Square

From Mr Bernard Kaukas

Sir, The fact that Marcus Binney ("So what's wrong with pastiche?", June 4), writing about the proposed development in Paternoster Square, may have some grounds for castigating a few examples of modern architecture (and there are many a lot worse than those he names) is not a sufficient reason for decrying the Modern movement in architecture; and it is certainly not a good enough reason for going to extremes in the opposite direction.

The Modern movement is not a style, it is a considered approach which steadfastly refuses to be bound by any style; except, perhaps, Stendhal's definition:

More often than not, when an Italian pronounces "That building has *style*", the real meaning of the verdict is simply "That building *inspires respect*". Whereas the pedants, as soon as *they* start preaching about style, mean plainly: "This particular architecture is classical." (his emphasis)

What is wrong with pastiche, Mr Binney asks. Everything: pastiche = paste = fake jewellery, i.e., not the real thing. The present and future generations do not deserve fake architecture. The laboured drawing of the Paternoster Square proposal thoroughly deserves the uncomplimentary epithets hurled at it in the visitors' book.

Marcus Binney has a distinguished and unmatched record in directing the nation's attention to the desperate need to save much good "genuine" period architecture, of every historical style, and there is more to be achieved in that field. What we need now is someone to save us from Paternoster Square.

Yours truly,
BERNARD KAUKAS (Architect),
13 Lynwood Road, Ealing, W5.
June 4.

From Mr Arthur Cotton Moore

Sir, The debate so far on Paternoster Square seems to focus on the secondary issue of architectural style, rather than on the basic issue of urban design, on which the new proposal is in my opinion a complete failure.

It creates an internally focused separate square completely shutting out St Paul's Cathedral and thereby replicating the worst aspects of the present situation.

What is needed is a designed opening — a breathing space — for the cathedral and its distinctive architectural elements, a cathedral not shut out by the square, but *on* the square, forming in effect the fourth side of the square.

The density lost by removing a substantial portion of the buildings crowding the north face of the cathedral could be recouped by terracing the new structures to the north facing and confronting the large existing structures on Newgate Street or some other urban design strategy.

The lack of any significant response to the monumental cathedral other than stylistic is a fundamental mistake.

Very truly yours,
ARTHUR COTTON MOORE
(Architect),
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June 6.

From Mr Tony Duchesne

Sir, This pastiche of past architectural styles next to St Paul's Cathedral must be stopped at all costs. The great delight of London is that it is an unplanned mishmash of fine buildings of all eras. The obvious inference to be drawn from this is that a fine building of the late 17th century should be complemented by a fine building of the late 20th century.

To see that this can be done to exciting dramatic effect one has only to think of the pyramid in front of the Louvre or the Church of St Joan of Arc in the centre of medieval Rouen.

It is worth remembering that St Paul's itself was built in defiance of the traditionalists of the day. Prince Charles should ponder the thought that if he had been around, the building he now so rightly admires would probably not have been built at all.

Yours sincerely,
TONY DUCHESNE,
55 Roman Way, Thatcham,
Newbury, Berkshire.
June 3.

From Miss Mary Cosh

Sir, The writing is clearly on the wall for the Modern movement. The perspective view of Paternoster Square strongly recalls John Martin's "Belshazzar's Feast".

Yours faithfully,
MARY COSH,
10 Albion Mews,
Thornhill Road, N1.
June 5.

From Mr Jamie Crookenden

Sir, I have seen the non-Rogers plans for Paternoster Square. God bless the Prince of Wales.

Yours sincerely,
JAMIE CROOKENDEN,
Lloyd's,
Lime Street, EC3.
June 5.

Life of Christ

From Mr A. N. Wilson

Sir, Bernard Levin states (article, June 6) that I have "recently written a biography of Jesus Christ" and that I have "kindly been giving a preview" of this book to the world. He then proceeds to take me to task for a number of very offensive views which I have never held. He bases his remarks on a scurrilous newspaper article which I did not authorise and which was seriously misleading — so much for my "giving a preview" of the book to the world.

I never stated that I wished to know what "hobbies" Jesus had, and I am bound to say that I am disgusted that a man of Mr Levin's supposed reverence for Christ could write as he does. How can he reconcile his vision of the message, pity and love of Jesus, expounded in his penultimate paragraph, with cheap jokes about Jesus collecting matchbox labels, or having children called Tracy and Kevin?

If he had read my recent pamphlet he would have realised that I do not set out to say that "all religion is bogus". When he reads my Jesus book, which will not be until I have written it, he will be entitled to pass judgment upon it.

It is very specifically not my intention to debunk Christianity, nor to belittle Jesus.

Yours sincerely,
A. N. WILSON,
91 Albert Street, NW1.
June 6.

From Mr and Mrs Alastair Black

Sir, Mr Bernard Levin writes "for the fourteen thousandth time, I am not a Christian", and continues in a most moving, gentle and profound way to show his understanding of the message and ministry of Jesus Christ. We wish there were more Christians like Mr Levin.

Yours faithfully,
ALASTAIR BLACK,
JANE BLACK,
South Lodge, Guildford Road,
Effingham, Surrey.
June 6.

Morris mystery

From Ms Sally F. Wearing

Sir, It was most agreeable to find pictures of morris dancers in *The Times* today (June 3). It is a pity they were spoilt by the caption. No evidence has been found to prove that morris dancing is "an ancient ritual to encourage the fertility of the crops".

This notion appears to have started during the late 1800s, when the leisured classes became interested in popular antiquities. Pre-Christian pagan rituals seemed to have a special fascination at the time, and links were claimed between paganism and nearly every surviving "quaint" tradition.

Today, this fertility myth is perpetuated by lazy morris dancers who think it will persuade the general public to put more money in the hat. The sad and rather boring fact is that no one knows how or why morris dancing originated.

Yours faithfully,
SALLY F. WEARING (President,
The Morris Federation),
69 Mickleton Road, Earlsdon,
Coventry, West Midlands.
June 3.

Swansea ahead

From Mr Brian Meller

Sir, In an article on the river Usk (May 27) John Young indicated that Cardiff had taken the lead in barrage schemes.

Cardiff, in fact, is a long way behind the lead given by Swansea City Council which has promoted successfully a private bill through Parliament, enabling it to construct a barrage across the river Towe in the lower Swansea valley.

Cardiff has yet to obtain the necessary powers to proceed with its scheme, whereas Swansea's barrage will be completed next year and will crown a remarkable reclamation programme in the valley, achieved by the city council in partnership with the Welsh Development Agency.

Yours faithfully,
BRIAN MELLER,
Idle Moorings,
3 Palmyra Court,
West Cross, Swansea.
May 28.

Handel neglected

From Mr Keith Mitchell

Sir, I see from the prospectus that only one work of Handel's, and that a minor one (the "Fireworks Music"), is to be performed in the entire series of 67 Promenade Concerts. This seems to me deliberately to insult this great prince of music who made England his adopted country and lived among us in London for most of his life.

Yours faithfully,
KEITH MITCHELL,
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Tunbridge Wells, Kent.
May 30.

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'Pindown' lessons

From Dr Ann Colley

Sir, In your various reports on the "pindown" technique applied to some children in care by Staffordshire County Council (May 31) it is noted that "no . . . psychological or educational advice of any kind was obtained before or after pindown was introduced" and that "the absence of professional advice in dealing with many children who were disturbed, depressed and in despair can only be described as inexplicable".

Given that more than two thirds of staff in residential homes are unqualified the need for using the services of appropriately qualified colleagues as advisers is paramount.

In all county council education departments will be found chartered educational psychologists whose principal work concerns helping children with difficulties, as well as setting up new organisational systems and programmes to deal with such problems. All district health authorities employ chartered clinical psychologists, many of whom will be specifically trained to deal with child and adolescent conduct disorders.

Let us hope that, following the Levy report, social services committees and directors will seek out and listen to these other professionals who are specifically trained to provide scientifically based advice in these areas.

Yours sincerely,
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(Honorary General Secretary),
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May 31.

Britain and Unesco

From Ms Margaret Quass

Sir, Your report and leader (May 30) on the plunder of art treasures in Eastern Europe is a timely reminder of Unesco's vital role in protecting the cultural heritage of mankind.

If, as the Unesco report, "Art, the art market and 1992", maintains, Britain's failure to sign the 1970 Convention (prohibiting illegal art exports) is regrettable, how much worse is our exclusion from all policy-making and most of Unesco's activities.

Surely even those who supported our withdrawal in 1984 must concede that it is now time to return. Unesco has proved by its drastic reforms and revitalised programme that it means business — and that its business in the fields of education, science, culture and communication is our business too.

Yours etc.,
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113 Broadhurst Gardens, NW6.

Ulster initiatives

From Dr Clifford Smyth

Sir, One of the reasons why so many British initiatives in Ulster have failed is that they really are not British at all, having been dependent upon an Irish Republic analysis.

Christopher Hewitt, writing in the British Journal of Sociology in 1981, came to a not dissimilar view, remarking that, "Lack of understanding concerning the nature of the Northern Irish problem, combined with a bias against the loyalist majority and in favour of the Catholics, helps explain the failure of British policies".

Reading your editorial (June 3), it would appear that bias against the long-suffering and much-traduced Unionist majority in Ulster within the British establishment is still marked and will make its own subtle contribution to the inevitable failure of the Brooke initiative.

Yours etc.,
CLIFFORD SMYTH,
79 Beechgrove Avenue, Belfast.

Torbay palms

From Mr P. C. Spink

Sir, Mr Kemp (May 23) is correct in his assessment of the hardiness of *Cordyline australis* but not in respect of *Trachycarpus fortunei*, which is a native of Yunan in continental China and is thus subject to very hard winters.

Here in the rather bleak climate of South Humberside we have at least 20 of this species flourishing, up to 30 years old, some five to six metres high. They have endured severe temperatures, on some occasions as low as -13°C and often lower than -5°C. Attempts to grow *Cordyline* have abjectly failed when temperatures of -6°C, plus the wind-chill factor, have been experienced.

The *Trachycarpus* has a coarse brown fibrous coat covering the trunk which ensures its hardiness. These palms, now flowering profusely, lend a majestic and exotic tone to the garden when mixed with flowering shrubs, thus providing variety in the overall leafing pattern.

I remain, Sir, yours faithfully,
P. C. SPINK,
West Wing, Thornton Hall,
Ulceby, South Humberside.
May 24.

Pulling rank

From Mr Jon Miller

Sir, Why do so many writers of letters use their ex-military rank? This may make sense when writing of military matters, but mostly this is not the case. Does an armed forces commission really entitle anyone to be respected as an expert in all subjects?

Yours sincerely,
JON MILLER
(Sergeant, RAF (retd)),
Trannack Farm, Trannack,
Helston, Cornwall.
June 3.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
June 7: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh visited HMS Mercury, the Royal Naval Communications and Navigation School, at Petersfield, and were received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Hampshire (Lieutenant-Colonel Sir James Scott, Bt) and Captain Paul Sutermeister (Captain HMS Mercury).

Her Majesty, with His Royal Highness, was received with a Royal Salute.

Subsequently, The Queen, with The Duke of Edinburgh, planted a Commemorative tree and honoured Captain Sutermeister with her presence at luncheon.

In the afternoon Her Majesty and His Royal Highness were present at a reception to mark the Fiftieth Anniversary of the School.

The Lady Farnham, Mr Robin Janvrin and Wing Commander David Walker, RAF, were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Gold Card Member of the Variety Club of Great Britain and Companion Rat of the Grand Order of Water Rats, attended a dinner at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich.

Captain George Rocke was in attendance.

By command of The Queen, the Lord Cavendish of Furness (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London this evening upon the departure of The King of Swaziland and bade farewell to His Majesty on behalf of Her Majesty.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
June 7: The Princess Royal this morning visited Bristol and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Avon (Sir John Wills, Bt).

Her Royal Highness attended the Bristol Polytechnic Honorary Graduation Ceremony in Bristol Cathedral and afterwards opened the new Headquarters of the Universities Funding Council and the Polytechnics and Colleges Funding Council at Bristol Polytechnic Campus.

This afternoon The Princess Royal opened "Farms for City Children" Tregynnis at St David's, Haverfordwest and was received by Major W. Buckley (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Dyfed).

Mrs Andrew Feilden was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
June 7: The Prince of Wales, Patron, Royal Society for Nature Conservation, visited Lancashire to see the work of the Lancashire Trust for Nature Conservation.

His Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Lancashire (Mr Simon Towneley).

Commander Richard Aylard, RN, and Mr Gerald Ward were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
June 7: The Duke of Gloucester, Patron, the Building Industry Youth Trust, this morning opened the Recreational Hall at the Frontier Youth Camp, Irthlingborough, Northamptonshire.

His Royal Highness was received by Sir Hereward Wake, Bt (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Northamptonshire).

Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

The Duchess of Gloucester, Colonel-in-Chief, Royal Army Educational Corps, this morning met Officers who served in Operation Granby in the Gulf, at Eltham Palace, Court Road, Eltham, London SE9.

Miss Suzanne Marland was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
June 7: Princess Alexandra today visited the 25th Show of the South of England Agricultural Society at Ardingly, Haywards Heath, West Sussex.

Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for West Sussex, the Duke of Richmond and Gordon.

The Lady Mary Mumford was in attendance.

The Duke and Duchess of Kent celebrate the 30th anniversary of their marriage today.

Royal engagements

TODAY: Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother will open the nature reserve of the Botanical Society of the British Isles at Aldbury Nowers, near Tring, at 4.00.

TOMORROW: The Princess Royal, as Patron of the Royal Lymington Yacht Club, will attend the Macnamara's Bowl Series at Lymington at 8.30am.

The Royal Society of Chemistry

The Royal Society of Chemistry has made the following awards:
Dr R Smith, Loughborough University, for Analytical Separation Methods, sponsored by Roche Products Ltd; **Professor L D Hall**, University of Cambridge, for Chemical Analysis and Instrumentation, sponsored by Perkin-Elmer Ltd: **Mr N Rowbotham**, Loughborough Grammar School, for Chemical Education, sponsored by Smith Kline and French Research Ltd: **Professor C J Moody**, Loughborough University, for Heterocyclic Chemistry, sponsored by Fisons Pharmaceutical Division: **Professor R Burch**, University of Reading, for Hydrocarbon Oxidation Chemistry, sponsored by Exxon Chemical Ltd: **Professor R H Crabtree**, Yale Chemistry USA, for Organometallic Chemistry, sponsored by Monsanto Ltd: **Professor D Birchall**, ICI, for Solids and Materials Processing, sponsored by BP Chemicals Ltd: **Professor I M Mills**, University of Reading, for Spectroscopy sponsored by Varian A G: **Professor D H W Rankin**, University of Edinburgh, for Structural Chemistry, sponsored by Kratos Ltd: **Dr C J Wormald**, University of Bristol, for Thermodynamics, sponsored by RTZ Services Ltd.

King's College School, Wimbledon

The following elections have been made for September 1991:
Major Scholars: Andrew Rigby, Downend; Edward Howard, The Mall: Classics Award.
Scholars: Sumon Biswas, Shrewsbury House; Jamil Moledina, King's College Junior School; Timothy Hammond, Milbourne Lodge and KCS; Ivan Wise, Newland House; Timothy Millington, KCJS; James Harrop KCJS and KCS; Phillip Bloye, Rokeby; Modern Languages Award: Alexis Sodropoulos, KCJS.
Exhibitioners: William Headley, Francis Simon, Leo Abrahams, Michael Asquith and Tariq Haq, KCJS; Leon Chevalier, Dames Hall.
Music Scholars: Thomas Burton-Page, KCJS; Sam Esson, KCJS and KCS; John Ripley, KCJS.
Music Exhibitioners: Adam Cartledge, Yateley Manor, Camberley; Neil Roberts, KCJS; Edward Stewart, The Priory, Banstead.
Junior School Scholars: Christopher Crane, Surbiton High School, Boys' Department; James Welch, Westward Preparatory, Walton-on-Thames.

Lord Desai

The life barony conferred upon Meghnad Jagdishchandra Desai has been gazetted by the name, style and title of **Baron Desai**, of St Clement Danes in the City of Westminster.

Receptions

Lord Newall
Lord Newall was host at a reception held yesterday at the House of Lords for the Indian Cavalry Officers Association.

Royal Over-Seas League
Mr Michael Gough Matthews, Director of the Royal College of Music, was the guest of honour at a reception given last night by the Royal Over-Seas League at the Festival Hall. Mr Peter McEntee, deputy chairman, and Mrs McEntee and Captain John Rumble, director general, welcomed the guests. The final concert and award ceremony of the annual music competition was held afterwards at the Queen Elizabeth Hall.

Dinner

Richard Ellis
Mr Brian Harris, FRICS, Chairman of Richard Ellis, was host at a dinner held on Thursday night at Clothworkers' Hall on behalf of the full Partnership of Richard Ellis, consultants and retired partners in honour of Sir Idris Pearce, CBE, TD, DL, FRICS, to mark his Presidency of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.

Service luncheons

Central India Horse
Brigadier Thurstan Edward-Collins presided at the annual luncheon of the Central India Horse held yesterday at Claridge's hotel.

19th King George V's Own Lancers
Brigadier John Woodroffe presided at the annual luncheon of the 19th King George V's Own Lancers held yesterday at the St Ermin's Hotel.

Skinner's Horse
Lieutenant-Colonel Douglas Gray presided at the annual luncheon for officers of Skinner's Horse (1st Duke of York's Own Cavalry) held yesterday at the Cavalry and Guards Club.

Royal Pharmaceutical Society

Mr David Coleman has been elected President of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain for 1991-92, succeeding Mrs Linda Stone.

Early Peruvian centre predates agriculture

By Norman Hammond, Archaeology Correspondent

ONE of the largest and oldest centres predating Columbus in Peru seems to have been built by people who relied on wild foods rather than agriculture. The inhabitants of El Paraiso, a complex of ritual platforms and other structures covering 58 hectares (145 acres) and dating to between 2400 and 1400 BC, seem to have been fishers and gatherers with few cultivated food plants, although they grew substantial quantities of cotton for textiles.

Maize agriculture was apparently established in Peru before 2000 BC, but Dr Jeffrey Quilter's excavation of middens and rubbish pits at El Paraiso, which lies 12 degrees south of the Equator, north of Lima, has found no evidence for it. Beans, squash, tubers and chilli peppers were grown, however, and a few animals such as deer were hunted. The bulk of the protein consumed came from seafood, Dr Quilter and his colleagues report. Anchovies and shellfish such as wedge clams and mussels were procured in large quantities. They were easily collected "fast foods" that obviated the need for more labour-intensive strategies.

The investigators say: "El Paraiso offers important lessons for those attempting to delineate the ways in which hierarchical societies came into being: although the site is a stone architectural complex of monumental proportions it has not yielded evidence of complex political organisation, and no elaborate burials of a ruling group have been found."

Source: *Science* 251:277-283; also *Journal of Field Archaeology* 12: 279-297.

OBITUARIES

STAN GETZ

Stan Getz, jazz saxophonist, died on June 6 aged 64. He was born on February 2, 1927.



WITH the death of Stan Getz, jazz has lost a towering saxophonist whose lyrical style won a following which spanned all generations and extended beyond the confines of jazz itself. Although he spawned few imitators and was by no means a radical innovator, he possessed one of the most distinctive sounds on the tenor saxophone – a languorous shimmering tone. This was ideally suited to ballads but Getz had a prodigious technique, much admired by fellow musicians, and could be dazzling on uptempo numbers where his speed of thought and dexterity of performance gave him an edge over many rivals. His often poetic and understated eloquence followed in the style first developed by Lester Young and in an era dominated by more abrasive, not to say bombastic, players he represented the traditional virtues of melody and phrasing.

Getz was born in Philadelphia, the son of a Russian Jewish parents who shortened the family name from Gayetzsky. His father worked variously as a tailor and printer and had emigrated to America via London's Whitechapel. Getz grew up in the Bronx and when he was 13 his father bought him first a bass, then a bassoon. He subsequently took up the alto saxophone before switching to tenor. His headmaster recommended him for a scholarship at the Juilliard Academy of Music but in his mid-teens he quit his studies and turned professional. Benefiting from the shortage of musicians in America because of the second world war, he joined the band of Jack Teagarden, the jazz trombonist, in his mid-teens touring and making his recording debut at the age of 16. He then spent a year with the Stan Kenton Orchestra and in 1947, when Woody Herman reformed his band – as the so-called "Second Herd" – Getz won a place in the reeds section. Alongside such saxophonists as Zoot Sims, Al Cohn and Serge Chaloff he became part of the celebrated "Four Brothers" team. Getz attracted immediate attention with his solo on the Ralph Burns tune "Early Autumn." Such was his impact that by 1949 he was able to leave Herman to form the first of his small groups. As the years went by Getz was often regarded as a precursor of "cool" jazz – the West Coast-based response to the frenetic tempo of bebop – but he was too much of an indivdualist to be neatly bracketed in any one school of playing. Moreover, albums such as *Getz at Storyville* showed that his style was growing more, not less muscular. Other successful records from this period included *Getz & J.J* – recorded with trombonist J.J. Johnson. Getz also performed with Norman Granz's touring showcase "Jazz At The Philharmonic", where he more than justified his nickname "The Steamer". His popularity, however, was increasingly undermined by personal problems and drug addiction and he was involved in an abortive hold-up at a drug-store in Seattle that led to a six month jail sentence. Writing from prison in 1954, Getz explained that after failing to convince the pharmacy assistant that he had a gun, "I left the store and went to my hotel. When I was in my room I decided to call the store and apologise. In doing so, the call was traced and my incarceration followed".

He was featured in the film, *The Benny Goodman Story* in 1956 but, disillusioned with the American jazz scene and struggling to combat his drug problem, Getz departed for Europe in 1958, settling in Copenhagen. He was not to return to America until 1961 when he cut one of his most satisfying albums, *Focus*, graced by string arrangements by the composer Eddie Sauter. His public profile soared the following year when he and the guitarist Charlie Byrd latched on to the bossa nova craze. With its hit theme "Desafinada", jazz samba was an instant commercial success. Getz followed it up with the album, *Getz-Gilberto*, a collaboration with the guitarist Joao Gilberto and Antonio Carlos Jobim, the composer of "Desafinado". This session produced the evergreen "The Girl From Ipanema", with impromptu English vocals added by Gilberto's wife, Astrud. With a huge commercial triumph on his hands, Getz was assured of the kind of financial security which is out of reach for most jazz musicians. To his credit he continued to play Latin pieces only sparingly. Many critics noted, moreover, that his use of the bossa nova helped improve his sound, adding an extra degree of dynamism. He continued to play "straight" jazz throughout the 1960s, always showing a keen eye for young players: Gary Burton and Chick Corea were among those given exposure. As a musician steeped in melodic invention, he took little interest in the avant-garde and fusion explosion, and from 1969 to 1972 he went into semi-retirement in Europe. Late in 1971 he met Chick Corea in London and commissioned him to write a series of original compositions for a new group he planned to organise. The group made its debut in January the following year at the Rainbow Grill in New York. Shortly afterwards it recorded its first album although this was not released until 1975 under the title *Captain Marvel*. The personnel included Corea on piano and Stanley Clarke on bass, Tony Williams on drums and Airto Moreira on percussion. *Captain Marvel* heralded his return to the forefront of the American jazz scene and the group remained together with Hank Jones later replacing Corea. But the 1970s were, by and large, an unproductive decade for Getz in which the tenor player struggled to come to terms with electric instrumentation. "There was a good deal of pressure to keep up to date," he later explained, somewhat dryly. "It really felt alien to me. After all, I've spent my life trying to make acoustic sounds."

By the 1980s he had returned to a traditional line-up. With the cushion of his 1960s royalties, he was able to minimise his touring. Nevertheless he remained on form with the albums *Poetry* – 1983 duets with pianist Albert Dailey – and *Voyage*, recorded with his quartet in 1986. In 1988 he underwent surgery when a growth was detected behind his heart and removed. It was malignant but Getz fought the disease with determination and homeopathic therapy. When he appeared at the Festival Hall shortly afterwards, he still seemed frail, but the sumptuous tenor sound was indisputably intact. Unusually for a leading soloist, he left behind little in the way of compositional work. However, as artist-in-residence at Stanford University from the mid-1980s onwards, he ensured that his instinctive approach to improvisation would be passed onto a younger generation. He was married twice and leaves five children.

BEVERLEY YOUNG

Beverley Young, head of the British Council's education department, died on May 7 aged 48 after suffering from a brain tumour. He was born on September 27, 1942.



BEVERLEY Young brought vision and professionalism to bear on efforts to aid education in developing countries. He was a teacher in Britain and Kenya before joining the British Council and his time overseas gave him wide understanding in the fields of curriculum development, strategies for primary school improvement and national initiatives. In the 1980s in London he was active in formulating policies and contributing to projects and programmes seeking to get the most for the developing world and the British organisations and individuals committed to overseas development at a time of dwindling aid resources. He was concerned to ensure that bureaucracy did not get in the way of the small innovator. The insights he gained into the challenges and difficulties faced by developing countries in improving their educational systems, as well as educational processes in the British classrooms, are reflected in the books and many articles he wrote.

He was educated at Corpus Christi, Cambridge, and the London Institute of Education, and his lifetime career was in education. He joined the British Council in 1969, working in Nigeria, Indonesia and London with an intervening two-year period in Nepal as Unicef's chief technical adviser on a World Bank education project.

The advent of the British government's new aid strategy of the early 1970s which had the concept of concentrating on providing aid for the very poorest gave Young the opportunity he had sought. He was able to combine his care and concern for children with his official role of advising the British Council on its educational activity under the policy direction of the Overseas Development Administration, which is part of the Foreign Office.

The problems of devising appropriate strategies were considerable. Although it is generally accepted that primary education is a key area for development, yielding the highest rate of return on investment of any education sector, the scale of investment required is daunting to donors. Beverley Young was committed to a range of approaches – from the major primary education projects sponsored by ODA and the World Bank in India, Indonesia and Pakistan to the small scale initiatives of voluntary groups. He was informed by his personal experience as a teacher and by his ability to translate and impart schemes to the teacher and to the children. He was committed to building networks and had the contacts and quickness to know who to get together, for what purpose, and to nurture the results. He saw needs, discovered the people who were searching for something similar, and provided the realism and intellectual drive to shape and market the idea. Beverley participated in major international initiatives such as the Jomtien Conference on Education for All at which 100 governments world-wide agreed to invest more in basic education in less developed countries. He mobilised British experts to honour this commitment.

He was keen on any measure to improve the lives of poor families. From 1979 he was closely associated with the Child to Child programme, now in 60 countries, which supports locally inspired projects underwhich older children help and support younger ones.

Young was also active in promoting programmes of assistance for Aids prevention among children in developing countries.

Beverley Young is survived by his wife, Ella, and his two sons, Timothy and Jonathan.

DIANA SPEARMAN

Diana Spearman, writer and political analyst, died on May 31 aged 86. She was born on February 22, 1905

DIANA Spearman enjoyed a lifelong interest in politics, in the philosophy of conservatism, and in the central problem of reconciling freedom with democracy.

She was one of the few never to abandon the principles of a free society, even during the overwhelmingly collectivist 1940s and 1950s – and she defended them vigorously for many years in the far from receptive surroundings of the Conservative research department (CRD). Her approach then depended less on the case for a market economy – which has since become widely accepted – and more on her personal knowledge of life in the authoritarian states of Europe before the war, as analysed in her book *Modern Dictatorship*. Again, out of fashion, her understanding was that for a democracy to work properly limited government was at least as important as a universal franchise, as argued in her study of the Old Constitution in *Democracy in England*.

Diana Violet Constance Edith Spearman, née Doyle, was born in India, the daughter of Sir Arthur Havelock James Doyle, Bt. Her mother was a granddaughter of the fourth Marquess Townshend. She twice stood unsuccessfully for parliament – as a Conservative candidate in the Labour party stronghold of South Poplar in 1937, polling more than twice as many votes as any predecessor, and in Hull in 1939. She worked at the research department of the Conservative party central office from 1934 until the war and again from 1948 until 1965. More recently she was an active member of the Salisbury group.

Outside politics there were no limits to her interests. She took, for example, a keen interest in Turkey and, using public transport, travelled widely and alone throughout that country in spite of her advancing years.

Her sympathy with animals of all kinds was of long standing but it was the culling of young seals that distressed her particularly. For the Fauna Society, of which she was a member, she completed an anthology of verse.

Fiction – from any country – fascinated her and in *The Novel and Society* she challenged the popular view that social and economic forces determined the form and content of literature. Of several novels of her own only *A Time You Remember* was published.

Diana Spearman also played an important part in the rescue of St John's, Smith Square, from the developers in the mid-1960s and she remained a member of the executive of the Friends of St John's until she died.

Her marriage, in 1928, to Alexander Spearman, was dissolved in 1951: there were no children.

Service dinners

HMS Collingwood
Admiral Sir Benjamin Bathurst, Vice Chief of the Defence Staff, was the guest of honour at the 45th annual Collingwood dinner held last night at HMS Collingwood. Captain P.F. Wason presided. Among the other guests were:
Vice-Admiral Sir Phillip Watson, Rear-Admiral I H Pirrie, Rear-Admiral D K Bawtree, Rear-Admiral R G Baylis and Rear-Admiral J M T Hutton.

The Royal Norfolk Regiment
Major-General Sir David Thorne presided at the annual dinner of The Royal Norfolk Regiment Officers' Dinner Club held last night at the Norfolk Club, Norwich.

Army Catering Corps
Brigadier J.B. Bloxham, Director of the Army Catering Corps, presided at a corps guest night held last night in the HQ Mess, Aldershot. Brigadier R.K. Hudson, colonel commandant, Brigadier N.S. Nash, commandant, HQ ACC Training Centre, and Major-General C.E.G. Carrington were among those present.

Royal Army Veterinary Corps
Brigadier A.H. Parker Bowles, Director of the Royal Army Veterinary Corps, presided at the annual dinner of the RAVC Officers Club held last night at the Naval and Military Club. The principal guests were Dr J.N. Lucke, President of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, and Dr D.F. Wishart, President of the British Veterinary Association. General Sir Brian Kenny, Colonel Commandant of the RAVC, attended.

Land Steiermark
Major Arthur Radley presided at the annual dinner for former officers of the Military Government, Land Steiermark, Austria, held last night at The Old Dr Butlers Head, EC2. The Austrian Ambassador, Lady Caccia, Brigadier Helge Lerider and the Austrian Trade Commissioner and Mrs Keruthaler were the principal guests.

Gordon Highlanders
The Annual Gordon Highlanders Regimental Dinner took place at the Caledonian Club last night. Lieutenant-General P.W. Graham, CBE, presided and 70 Officers and their guests attended.

Weekend birthdays

TODAY: Sir William Barlow, chairman, BICC, 67; Lord Campbell of Croy, 70; Miss Lindka Cierach, fashion designer, 39; Mr Michael Codron, theatrical producer, 61; Professor Alice Coleman, geographer, 68; Dr F.H.C. Crick, biologist, 75; Earl Ferrers, 62; Lord Justice Glidewell, 67; Mr Ray Illingworth, cricketer, 59; Mr Alaric Jacob, author, 82; Sir Michael Levey, former director, National Gallery, 64; Lady Littler, former director-general, IBA, 59; Sir Joseph Luckhoo, Bahamian judge, 74; Dame Jean Maxwell-Scott, Lady-in-Waiting to Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester, 68; Sir Ian Morrow, company director, 79; Mr A.J. Mottram, tennis player, 71; Mr Roger Murray, president, Cargill Europe, 55; Major-General William Odling, 82; Mr Cranley Onslow, MP, 65; Sir Eric Parker, deputy chairman and group chief executive, Trafalgar House, 58; Lord Pritchard, 81; Brigadier Gael Ramsey, director, WRAC, 49; Sir Julian Ridsdale, MP, 76; Mrs Norma Shaw, bowler, 54; Mr Derek Underwood, cricketer, 46; Dame Anne Warburton, president, Lucy Cavendish College, Cambridge, 64; Sir Alwyn Williams, former vice-chancellor, Glasgow University, 70.

TOMORROW: Mr P.G. Beazley, MEP, 69; Mr Tony Britton, actor, 67; Viscount Craigavon, 47; Professor Geraint Gruffydd, director, University of Wales Centre for Advanced Welsh and Celtic Studies, 63; Mr C.J.M. Hardie, former chairman, National Provident Institution, 53; Sir Peter Heatly, chairman, Commonwealth Games Federation, 67; Mr Derek Hunt, chairman, MFI Furniture Group, 52; Sir Nicholas Lloyd, editor, *Daily Express*, 49; Mr Robert McNamara, former American Secretary of Defence, 75; General Sir Geoffrey Musson, 81; Mrs June O'Dell, deputy chairman, Equal Opportunities Commission, 62; Mr S. Gorley Putt, literary historian, 78; Mr Charles Saatchi, director, Saatchi and Saatchi, 48; Mr Peter Sanders, chief executive, Commission for Racial Equality, 53; Mr D.B. Smith, chairman, ACAS, 59; Mr Steve Smith Eccles, jockey, 36; Vice-Admiral Sir Patrick Symons, 58; the Right Rev Dr O.S. Tomkins, former Bishop of Bristol, 83; Colonel J.F. Williams-Wynne, former Lord Lieutenant of Gwynedd, 83.

Anniversaries

Today
BIRTHS: John Smeaton, civil engineer, Leeds, 1724; Robert Stevenson, engineer, Glasgow, 1772; Robert Schumann, composer, Zwickau, Germany, 1810; Charles Reade, novelist, Ipsden House, Oxon, 1814; Sir William White Baker, explorer, London, 1821; Sir John Millais, president of the Royal Academy 1896, Southampton, 1829; Frank Lloyd Wright, architect, Richland Center, Wisconsin, 1867.

DEATHS: Muhammad, Medina, 632; Hardicanute, King of England 1040-42, 1042; Thomas Paine, radical, New York, 1809; Sarah Siddons, actress, London, 1831; Andrew Jackson, 7th president of the USA 1829-37, Nashville, Tennessee, 1845; Sir Joseph Paxton, designer of the Crystal Palace, London, 1865; George Sand, pseudonym of Armandine Dudevant, novelist, Nohant, France, 1876; Gerard Manley Hopkins, poet, Dublin, 1889; Bliss Carman, poet, Canaan, Connecticut, 1929; Russell Harty, broadcaster, 1988.

Tomorrow
BIRTHS: Andrew Ramsay, writer, Ayr, 1686; George Stephenson, builder of the Rocket locomotive, Wylam, Northumberland, 1781.

DEATHS: Nero, Roman emperor AD54-68, Rome, AD68; Sir James Brooke, Raja of Sarawak 1841-68, Burrator, Devon, 1868; Charles Dickens, Gadshill Place, near Rochester, 1870; Sir Walter Besant, novelist and philanthropist, London, 1901; Ugo Betti, dramatist, Rome, 1953; Robert Donat, actor, London, 1958; Max Aitken, 1st Baron Beaverbrook, newspaper proprietor, Leatherhead, 1964.

Marriages

Mr J.H.S. Akerman
and Miss V.B. Arthur
The marriage of Hugo Akerman and Biddy Arthur took place on Saturday, May 25, at St Bartholomew's Church, Burwash.

Mr G.J.A. Goulding
and Mrs G.M. Hilditch
The marriage took place on Saturday, May 25, 1991, at Pardaillan, of Mr Giles Goulding and Mrs Gina Hilditch, of A Passe Pardaillan, 47120 Duras, France.

Mr N.D. Harman
and Miss A.E. Lockett
The marriage took place on June 1, at St Mary's, Astbury, Cheshire, of Mr Neill Harman, elder son of Mr Robert Harman, QC, and the late Sarah, and stepson of Rosamond, and Miss Amanda Lockett, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Jeffery Lockett. The Rev Patrick Campbell officiated and the Rev Sandy Millar gave the address.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father was attended by Camilla Greenaway, Rowena Tudor-Evans, Edwina and Sophie Scott, and Alexander Harman. Major Greville Bibby was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride.

Mr M.L.E. McClintock
and Mrs A.K. Lee
The marriage took place recently in Hong Kong, between Michael McClintock, son of Mr and Mrs Nicholas McClintock, of Wareham, Dorset, and Anne K. Lee, daughter of Mr and Mrs Greenwood, of Shipley, West Yorkshire.

Mr J.A. Railton
and Miss G.S. Kermack
The marriage took place on June 2, 1991, at St Gregory's, Minster, Kirkdale, of Mr James Railton, son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs Jeremy Railton, of Deptford, Wiltshire, and Miss Gillian Kermack, daughter of Mr and Mrs Neil Kermack, of Helmsley, North Yorkshire.

The bride was attended by Camilla and Annabelle Powell, Arthur Vestey and Harry Dreyer.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A.R. Aird
and Miss J.C. Morton
The engagement is announced between Andrew Ross, eldest son of the Rev Donald and Mrs Aird, of 114, Hamilton Terrace, St John's Wood, London, NW8, and Juliet, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Morton, of Crown Farmhouse, Deopham, Norfolk.

Mr A.P. Casey
and Miss C.A.E. Lawson
The engagement is announced between Adrian, son of Mrs D.E. Maley, of Stourbridge, West Midlands, and Carol, daughter of Mr and Mrs H.B. Lawson, of Edinburgh.

Mr P.A. Crisp
and Miss E. Boyde
The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Mr and Mrs Robert Crisp, of Addlestone, Surrey, and Elizabeth, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Carl Boyde, of Hardwick Court Farm, Chertsey, Surrey.

Mr M. Dick
and Miss H.J. Heather
Mr and Mrs R. Graham Heather, of Dublin 14, have pleasure in announcing the engagement of their daughter Hilary to Michael, son of Mr John Dick and the late Mrs Dick, of London, SW12.

Mr A.H. Evans
and Miss S.J. Thompson
The engagement is announced between Alun, only son of Mr Howard Evans and the late Mrs Marianne Evans, of Freshwater, Isle of Wight, and Sheila, only daughter of the late Mr Robert T. Thompson and of Mrs Isabella Thompson, of Aberdeen, Scotland.

Mr G.E. Flower
and Miss L.J. Rockett
The engagement is announced between Graham, son of Mr W.M. Flower, of Chelsea, London, and Mrs V.C. Ward, of Waddock Cross, Dorset, and Lindsay, daughter of the late Mr G.V. Rockett and of Mrs J.M. Rockett, of Easton-in-Gordano, near Bristol.

Mr R. Olsen
and Miss B.M. Rowlands
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Captain and Mrs O. Olsen, of Marlow, Buckinghamshire, and Bronwen, daughter of Mr and Mrs C.R. Rowlands, of Little Hallingbury, Bishop's Stortford.

Lieutenant-Colonel J.H. Pitman
and Miss H.R. White
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The engagement is announced between Mark, younger son of Dr and Mrs Michael Tellwright, of Hunsterson, Cheshire, and Harriet, younger daughter of the late Mr John Maxwell Anderson, FRCS, and of Mrs Paddy Vincent, of Putney, London.

Church news

Appointments
The Rev Trevor Vaughan, Vicar, Settle: to be Rector Broughton, Marton and Thornton (Bradford).
The Rev John Webber, until recently Principal of St Andrew's Theological College, Dhaka, Bangladesh: to be Team Vicar, St Dunstan and All Saints, Stepney, and Bishop of Stepney's Adviser for Inter-Faith Relations (London).
The Rev John A Wilkinson, Curate, Broadheath (Chester), to be Team Vicar, Christ the King, Worthing Team Ministry (Chichester).
The Rev Derek Winterburn, Curate, Hackney Marsh Team Ministry: to be Team Vicar, Hackney Marsh Team Ministry (London).

Scottish Episcopal Church
Appointment
The Rev William David Wightman, Rector, St Peter's, Peterhead St Drostan's, Old Deer and All Saints', Strichen (Aberdeen and Orkney) to be Provost, St Andrew's Cathedral, Aberdeen and Priest in Charge, St Ninian's, Boddam, Aberdeen.

Resignation
The Very Rev Dotnald Howard, Provost of St Andrew's Cathedral, Aberdeen and Priest in Charge, St Ninian's, Boddam, Aberdeen to retire as from 31 August 1991.

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BIRTHS

ARBUTHNOTT - On June 4th, to Dawn (née Kirby) and David, a son, Christopher John, a brother for Jenny.

COATES - On June 5th, to Katie (née Ryan) and Charles, a daughter, Hannah Rose.

DYSON - On June 1st, to Valerie (née Conlen) and Richard, a daughter, Annabel Susan Margaret.

ELLISON - On June 3rd at Bracechast, Belgium, to Catherine and Jonathan, a son, James Alexander. A brother for Benjamin and Stéphanie.

EMPSON - On May 30th, to Suzanne and David, a son, Hugo Richard James, a brother for Charles.

FIRTH - On June 4th, 1991, to Jane and Andrew, a son, David Christopher.

GIBB - On June 4th, to Susan (née Lanham) and Jonathan, a daughter, Molly.

GLOVER - On June 2nd 1991, at home to Judith (née Young) and Keith, a daughter, Amy Louise.

GORE - On June 2nd 1991, to Deborah (née Stratton) and Barry, a son, Benjamin David.

HERRING - On June 4th, at the Portland Hospital, to Nicola (née Rowe) and John, a son, David Anthony.

HOGG - On June 1st, at St Thomas' Hospital, to Fanny (née Ash) and Patrick, a son.

JONES - On June 6th, to Vivien (née Reynolds) and Tim, a beautiful daughter, Lydia Isobel. Our grateful thanks to all at the Portland Hospital.

KING - On June 7th, at the Princess Alexandra Hospital, Wythenshawe, Manchester, to Johanna (née Garfield) and Patrick, a beautiful girl, Antonia Emily.

MACAULEY - On June 5th, 1991, at St. Pauls, Cheltenham, to Julie (née Baker) and Rupert, a son.

McILVENNY - On June 7th, at the Portland Hospital, to Barbara (née Willoughby) and Robin, a daughter, Claire Felicity Rose.

MORANT - On June 5th, 1991, at St. Pauls, Cheltenham, to Jackie and Simon, a daughter.

MAVEY - On June 5th, at The Humana Hospital Wellington, to Ross and Martyn, a son, Matthew James.

MUNRO - On May 12th 1991 in Edinburgh to Ann and Sarinder, a son, Peter Ronald Duncan, a brother for Victoria.

STOKES - On May 25th, to Christine (née Ottaway) and Simon, the gift of a son, James Henry.

WILD - On June 7th, to Kate (née Holborow) and Robert, a son, James.

ANNIVERSARIES

ADZIU Happy anniversary and a safe flight to Krakow. SD on 9/6/91 Zbyszek.

DEATHS

BURNEY - On June 5th 1991, dearly beloved wife of the late Sir Anthony Burney. Mother of Rosemary and Tom. Grandmother of Jane, Simon, Kate and Nicola. Great Grandmother of Daisy, Alexander, Lily, Ned and Kit. Funeral service at West London Crematorium, Harrow Road, London W10 on Monday June 10th at 3.45pm. Family flowers only.

DAVY - On June 2nd, 1991, suddenly in Athens, John aged 59 years, dearly loved husband of Janine and much loved father of Justin, Claire, Nick and Anna. Service at St. Michael's Church, Letchworth, Surrey on Thursday, June 13th at 1.00 am. Family flowers only donations, if desired, to the National Trust.

DROOP - On June 4th in hospital Ruth aged 39 years. Loving wife will be sadly missed by her husband David, son Christopher and all her family and friends. The funeral service will take place at Woking crematorium on Wednesday June 12th at 12.30 pm. Floral tributes or donations in aid of Harefield Transplant Research Fund may be sent to Cyril H. Wevegrove, Funeral Directors, 32 Guildford Road, Woking, Surrey.

LANGDON-DOWN - On June 6th 1991, in hospital, Norman, in his 86th year, dearly beloved husband of Pat and loving father of James and Martha and grandfather of Rebecca and Timothy. Funeral Service at St Nicholas', Shepperton on Wednesday, June 12th at 2.30pm. Family only. No flowers. Donations, if desired, to Royal London Trust Hospital Children's Unit Appeal, London Hospital, Whitechapel.

LAST-BARBARA - On June 4th, suddenly at home, B.J. wife of Harold. Service at St Barnabas Church, Pitshanger Lane, Ealing W5 at 1pm, Friday June 14th, followed by committal at Breakspear Crematorium, Ruislip, at 2.30pm. Friends are also welcome at home from 3.15pm. No flowers by request. Donations in lieu to R.N.L.I., 202, Lambeth Rd, SE1. All relevant Philatelic and Ships Societies to note please. No mourning please.

LEGG - On June 6th, after a short illness, H.V (Victor) aged 94 years, peacefully in Epsom General Hospital. Beloved husband of Betty and dearly loved father of John. Will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral Service will take place on Wednesday June 12th at Randalls Park Crematorium at 11.00am. Family flowers only, donations if wished, to the Sunshine Home for Blind Babies. He was an English man, proud of and extremely grateful for his heritage.

McCOSH - On June 2nd in Edenbridge Hospital, Olga Mary McCosh (née von Donnersmark Brunyn) aged 90, of Westerham, wife of Frank Private cremation. No flowers please, but donations if desired to Westerham Red Cross, c/o Mrs K. Peters, 32 London Rd, Westerham, Kent.

MORLAND - On June 3rd, to Isobel (née Polkinghorne) and Timothy, a son, William Martin.

OTTEY - On June 6th, suddenly but peacefully at home, Anne Pauline Ottey (née Crampman). Mother of Penelope, Piers and Alison. Cremation at Colchester Crematorium on Tuesday 11th June at 1.30pm. Family flowers only. (0243) 572950.

RUCKER - On June 6th, after devoted care at Curridge House Nursing Home, Lady Elsie Marion Rucker, beloved wife of Nevil for 68 years and much loved mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral Service at Yattendon Church on Friday, June 14th at 3.00 pm. Family flowers only please but donations to Help The Aged may be sent to Camp Hopson's Funeral Direction, Northbrook Street, Newbury if desired.

SKLAR - On Wednesday, June 5th, Joyce Sklar J.P., peacefully after a long illness borne with fortitude and dignity. Greatly missed by her devoted husband Vivian, sons Jon and Anthony, daughters-in-law Rina, Rosalind and Rachel, grandchildren, relatives and hosts of friends.

von SMRAWSKI - On June 6th at Charing Cross Hospital following a stroke, Elisabeth (Lisa) born Riga, Latvia, 30.9.08, dearly loved mother of Petra and wife of the late Julian Solo. Cremation service 12.30pm at Mortlake Crematorium on Friday June 14th. Flowers to JH Kenyon, Marloes Road, W8

MEMORIAL SERVICES

LEWIS - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Major CWJ Lewis M.B.E., late The Royal Dragoons, will be held at The Garrison and Parish Church of the Holy Trinity, Windsor on Tuesday June 25th at 3pm.

IN MEMORIAM – PRIVATE

HAGENBACH - Remembering with love our dear daughter Lisa on the 10th anniversary of her death. Arnold & Betty Hagenbach.

MACDONALD - Ian Pendlebury. Died June 8th, 1987. Lovingly and proudly remembered by so many. A rara avis.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

WHITE - The family of the late Forest White wish to thank all relatives and friends for the kind expressions of sympathy, floral tributes, cards and letters received in their recent bereavement. also the Rev Wallace Wilson for his comfort and support and all who attended at Mortonhall Crematorium, Edinburgh.

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-and-
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on 21st May, 1991 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for (a) the sanctioning of a Scheme of Arrangement and (b) the confirmation of the reduction of the capital of the above named Company from £349,998 to £295,765.80 by cancelling 376,930 issued Ordinary Shares of 25p each of the said Company. The amount by which the capital of the said Company is proposed to be reduced is to be applied in paying up in full further shares of the said Company to be allotted in accordance with the said Scheme of Arrangement.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard by the Honourable Mr Justice Mervyn Davies at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2 on Monday 17th June, 1991.

ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital should appear at the time of the hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose. A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

DATED 3rd day of June, 1991
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14 Fletcher Gate
Nottingham NG1 2FX
Solicitors for the said Company

DAMGAARD DATA CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that Meetings of Members and of the Creditors will be held at 62 NEW CAVENDISH STREET, LONDON W1M 7LD on 13 June 1991 at 11.00 and 11.30 to the forenoon for the purposes mentioned in Section 100 and 101 of the said Act.

Christopher Guy Adams of C.G. Adams Associates, 62 New Cavendish Street, London W1M 7LD is a person qualified to act as an Insolvency Practitioner in relation to the Company who will, during the period before the day of the Meeting, furnish creditors free of charge, with such information concerning the Company's affairs as they may reasonably require.

By Order of the Board
M. NIELSEN

LEGAL NOTICES

No.005284 of 1991

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE CHANCERY DIVISION
In the Matter of Mr Rostron Buckley
IN THE MATTER OF WHARFEDALE PLC
-and-
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 9th day of May 1991 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of Share Capital of the above named Company from £8,254,646.95 to £2,000,000 and for the cancellation of the sum of £2,700,796 standing to the Credit of the Share Premium Account of the said Company.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard by the Honourable Mr Justice Mervyn Davies at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Monday the 17th day of June 1991.

ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of the Share Premium Account should appear at the time of the hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.

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DATED 8th day of June 1991
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10 Newhall Street
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Tel: (021) 233 2001
Solicitors
for the above-named Company

No.005377 of 1991

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF BIMEC WASTE AND WATER TREATMENT PLC
-and-
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 9th day of May 1991 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the cancellation of the Share Premium Account and for the confirmation of the said Reduction of Share Capital should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.

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No.005378 of 1991

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF BIMEC ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING PLC
-and-
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 9th day of May 1991 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the cancellation of the Share Premium Account of the above-named Company.

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LEGAL NOTICES

No.005574 of 1991

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF BIMEC AEROSPACE TECHNOLOGY PLC
-and-
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 9th day of May 1991 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the cancellation of the Share Premium Account of the above-named Company.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard by the Honourable Mr Justice Mervyn Davies at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Monday the 17th day of June 1991.

ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said cancellation of the Share Premium Account should appear at the time of the hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.

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CHRISTIE. Winifred Marie of 21 Lower Addison Gardens, London W14 died on 19th April 1991. Particulars to Child & Child Solicitors of Moorcroft Street, Uxbridge, UB8 1HZ before 15th August 1991.

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Farmer's diary: Paul Heiney

Cutting edge of peasant farming

I AM having an identity crisis: I am no longer certain what kind of farmer I am, or indeed whether I am a farmer at all. Most farmers are men with hundreds of acres and battalions of machinery. They don't struggle up to their orchards with buckets of pig grub, as I do twice daily. They wouldn't think I was a farmer. If they bothered to give me any consideration at all they would think I was a crackpot, or more likely an irritant who spreads this organic, nostalgic nonsense; a pest they wish they could spray against. But some farmers would be more generous and call me a part-timer. This is not quite right either, for although it is true that I earn part of my living in other ways than off the land, it is that side of my work which feels part-time. If they really wanted to needle me they would call me a "hobby farmer".



I met an estate agent who owned 600 acres and reckoned he was a farmer and I was a hobbyist. But he farms his land from behind his desk. He'll have scanned his balance sheet, checked his feed conversion ratios and glanced at the barley futures on the City pages, while the alleged hobbyist is still struggling to get the rust off his aged Lister Blackstone swath-turner before hay-making.

I have come to the conclusion that I am not any of the aforementioned. In fact I am one of a rare breed. I am a peasant; a trainee peasant, at least. I just want to wrap my modest parcel of land around me and get on with it. It makes for an insular life with peculiar problems. Machines, fertilisers and medicines now come in parcels too large for us to handle. I have a cow with lice: the smallest bottle of treatment I could buy was sufficient to dose 50 animals and cost more than 50 quid. I think the cow was as shocked as I was, for when I told her she stopped itching immediately, and hasn't rubbed herself since.

Small-scale farmers don't seem to fit into anybody's scheme of things. I glanced at one or two training schemes that were on offer, but they were all about operating machines that I had never heard of which wouldn't fit through our gates. Or else they were useless. One course offered farmers a day's tuition on how to "Improve your Telephone Selling Technique".

Peasants are ahead of that game already: the other day a woman rang up to order a couple of joints of pork and in conversation I persuaded her to have a pound of sausages as well. I would have had her taking the liver had I not spied a horse which had slipped its halter and was heading for the wide blue yonder. There was another course darkly named "Stress Management for Farmers". It is not my idea of a good day out to spend it in a room full of whingeing, 600 acre-owning estate agents. Yesterday's post brought an answer to my problems. The sensible people of Norfolk have formed a "Small Farmers' Training Group" and offer lessons in mundane but vital tasks such as "catching sheep" or "handling cows". The lecture on farm machinery is, I notice, to be held in a scrapyard. The Norfolk Small Farmers and I are on the same wavelength.

I decided to book myself in for a blissful afternoon entitled "Sharpening Tools". If you have tried to cut a verge with a blunt scythe and found that attempts to sharpen it only make it duller, you will appreciate what a lifeline this course could be. It was the final line of the billing that clinched it for me. It said simply: "Save money and temper." It was my sort of stress management. I rang the helpful secretary and we discussed my problems of nationality, coming from Suffolk and wanting to attend a Norfolk club. We decided I would pay a cash penalty and would then be welcome to attend whatever course I wished. "Sharpening tools, please." I blurted. There was a deathly silence through which even my blunt scythe could have cut. Then: "I'm sorry, we've had to cancel it. Not enough interest." I must be a rarer breed than I think.

Perhaps I should put bars around the farm to protect myself, and call the place a zoo. The 600-acre boys could come and push bananas through the bars at me. They'd like that.

If you go down to the woods today, look out for affluent townies buying a green haven. **Geraldine Bedell** reports



Branching out into a pleasurable business: Tim Baynes, a woodlands investment manager, assesses the prospects of a wood at Hook End, near Pangbourne, Oxfordshire

City-dwellers take the trunk road

What does the townie who made a pile of money in the Eighties do in the Nineties? Answer: goes green and buys a woodland. So popular has this become that last Wednesday a service was launched to match stockbrokers and accountants with their perfect bit of forest.

The Woodland Finder Service, "a computer dating agency for people and trees", according to Tim Baynes, an investment manager, will seek out bluebell woods in the southeast or acres of coniferous mountainside in Scotland.

Not that owning a piece of woodland is an entirely caring, sharing activity for the newly affluent. Although the 1988 budget ended the income tax relief which had encouraged the mass conifer plantations loathed by ecologists, woodland is still subject to 50 per cent relief on inheritance tax, while timber crops are exempt from capital gains tax.

This week the government announced new grants which will help towards the cost of woodland maintainance, particularly for owners wanting to manage woods in an ecologically sound way.

In trust for a grandchild, woodland is harder to spend than cash and, Mr Baynes says, "a good crop of conifers should double in value every ten years".

Charles Anthony is a typical client, seeing ownership of woodland as a dovetailing of sensible investment with pleasure. "I have a difficulty with capital gains tax, and I'm keen to get out of London and have a slightly more rural life. It's all very well being busy but there comes a time when you don't want to work six or seven days a week; when you want somewhere to be quiet, to look at birds." Mr Anthony is planning to sell a dance-wear business, one of several companies he owns, to fund his purchase of "land with woodlands nearby, perhaps in Sussex". He would expect the wood "to pay for itself, but that is not the primary reason for buying. I'd rather bring up my children in the country."

'Some people want to do four-wheel driving, some to shoot, others to dig a pond and fish'

The company that set up the Woodland Finder Service, Tilhill Economic Forestry, receives an average of one enquiry a day from prospective purchasers. "We think that for every person we come across there are ten more we don't see," Mr Baynes says, hence the decision to formalise and computerise the service. Clients include architects, bankers, advertising agency directors, accountants, stockbrokers, entrepreneurs and a mining engineer, who wants woodland with a quarry as a hobby.

A wood may well cost considerably less than a country cottage: prices start at £10,000 for five to ten acres in the south of England, although Mr Baynes warns: "This is rather like buying a small jar of coffee from the corner shop — you pay a premium." For £28,000 — "a sensible amount" — you might get 20 to 30 acres in southern England, and more in the north.

Between 30 and 40 woods are for sale, most less than 100 acres. "But if you want oak trees and bluebells within half an hour of a particular town, the chance of it being available is relatively small," Mr Baynes says.

Other than on Sites of Special Scientific Interest and within the usual footpath and planning regulations, owners are free to do what they will with their woods. "Some people want to do four-wheel driving, some to shoot, or dig a pond and fish; others buy for leisure development — for war games or to build log cabins. Some hope to use the woods for charitable purposes, to lend to the Scouts. Some are simply interested in conservation," Mr Baynes says.

Helen Griffiths, a tax accountant, has been looking for a wood within 50 miles of her home in Surrey for the past year. With her husband, a manager in industry, and sons aged nine and six, she hopes to use her 50 to 100 acres for "camping, walking, nature observation, and children's parties. My husband and I have to work hard: this is an investment we can enjoy with our children." Mrs Griffiths is also considering the possibility — if her wood is big enough — of building luxury log cabins to rent, "with coffee grinders, food blenders, videos and dish-washers. We could share these with worthy organisations, as well as letting them. Many people would enjoy a holiday getting back to nature, and we could use the money we made to regenerate the woodland."

This week, however, the Woodland Trust bought Blean Woods, a large, ancient wood near Canterbury in Kent, to prevent such a development. "We're in business to prevent the destruction of ancient woodlands. We are concerned about log cabins, war games, motorbike scrambling and clay pigeon shooting — activities which can disrupt public access and the breeding of birds and mammals," says Hilary Allison, the trust's public affairs manager.

The trust concedes that some people buy with the best conservation intentions, and accepts that not all woodland is uniformly precious, but there is a fear that private owners will be driven primarily by profitability and may, for example, abandon coppicing now that the market for coppiced products has collapsed, despite the conservation benefits and importance to rural economics.

Mrs Griffiths also warned that banks will lend up to only half of a purchase price, while growing demand is leading to the emergence of the sealed bid. Even so, for the time being, little seems capable of undermining the lure of trees, rabbits and undergrowth for go-getting urbanites.

Country events

THIS WEEKEND

☐ **Elizabethan fair:** Pageantry, jousting and archery displays, clay pigeon shoots, craft fair and demonstrations, steam rally, flower festival. Also, sideshows, stalls and amusements for children.
Stebbing, Essex. Today, tomorrow, 1-6pm. £2.50, under-16s free, car park £2.50.

☐ **Heavy horses:** Gentle giants include Young's brewery four-horse team, Whitbread greys and a turn-out from Fuller's. Ploughing and timber-loading demonstrations, tests of skill, chance to talk to handlers, ring displays and a grand parade.
Weald and Downland Open Air Museum, Singleton, near Chichester, Sussex (0243 63348). Tomorrow, 11am-4pm. £3.10, children £1.50, family ticket £8.

☐ **Music at Clandon:** Tonight, the Popular Singers, all former choral scholars of Cambridge university, present a blend of light-hearted and serious songs from Byrd to barber shop. Tomorrow, the Cordial Company plays music of romantic entanglements in Mozart operas. 75-minute picnic/dinner interval at both; take your own food or pre-book.
Clandon Park, West Clandon, Guildford, Surrey (0483 222482). Today, tomorrow, from 7pm. Tickets bookable: £10 tonight, £12 tomorrow. Dinner reservations on 0483 222502.

☐ **Esso Bristol to Bournemouth vintage vehicle run:** Colourful motoring event with 350 pre-1940 cars and motorcycles assembling from 7am for the 97-mile run via Wells, Yeovil and Blandford Forum, much of it through fine countryside.
Ashton Court Estate, Long Ashton, near Bristol. Tomorrow. Viewing 8-9am, rally cars leave 9-11am.

☐ **Watercrest Line birthday party:** All locomotives with painted faces, train rides, a tea party at Ropley station, 2-4pm. Also, Punch and Judy, games and competitions for children.
Mid-Hants Railway, Alresford station, Hampshire (0962 734200). Today, tomorrow, from 11am. Family tickets with freedom of the line for the whole day, £15.

☐ **Victorian country craft fair:** More than 125 crafts on show and many demonstrations. Entertainments include maypole dancing, falconry, minstrels, Punch and Judy.
The Gardens of the Rose, Chiswell Green, St Albans, Hertfordshire. Today, tomorrow, 10am-6pm. £2.75, children £1.

☐ **Carriage driving:** Elegant horses display their carriage driving techniques in competitive classes.
Museum of East Anglian Life, Stowmarket, Suffolk (0449 612229). Tomorrow, 10am-5pm. £2.75, over-fives £1.50, under-fives free.

☐ **Falconry display:** Falconer shows how the birds of prey are trained and exercised, and gives a talk about their history, conservation and centuries-old role in hunting.
Richmond castle, Richmond, North Yorkshire. Tomorrow, from 2pm. £2, children £1. (Information, 0748 822493).

NEXT WEEK

☐ **Batwatch at Belsay:** Natural history tour with the head gardener and a member of the Northumberland Bat Group.
Belsay Hall, Northumberland. Wed, 8.30pm. £5, children £2. Pre-book on 0661 881636.

☐ **Open air theatre:** Phoebus Cart Theatre Company's production of *The Tempest*, with midnight matinées. Also, lectures and children's workshops. Take picnic and rugs.
Corfe Castle, Wareham, Dorset. Tues-Sun. £12, students £10. (Booking and information, 0929 480910.)

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Feather report

Lead under fire

LEAD has become a form of elemental wickedness. Pb: superstar of evil. Lead-free petrol has been one of the great consumer advances in recent years, and car manufacturers are engaged in an advertising war of ever more competitive greenness. There can hardly be a person in all Europe who is not aware that lead is most frightfully bad for you.

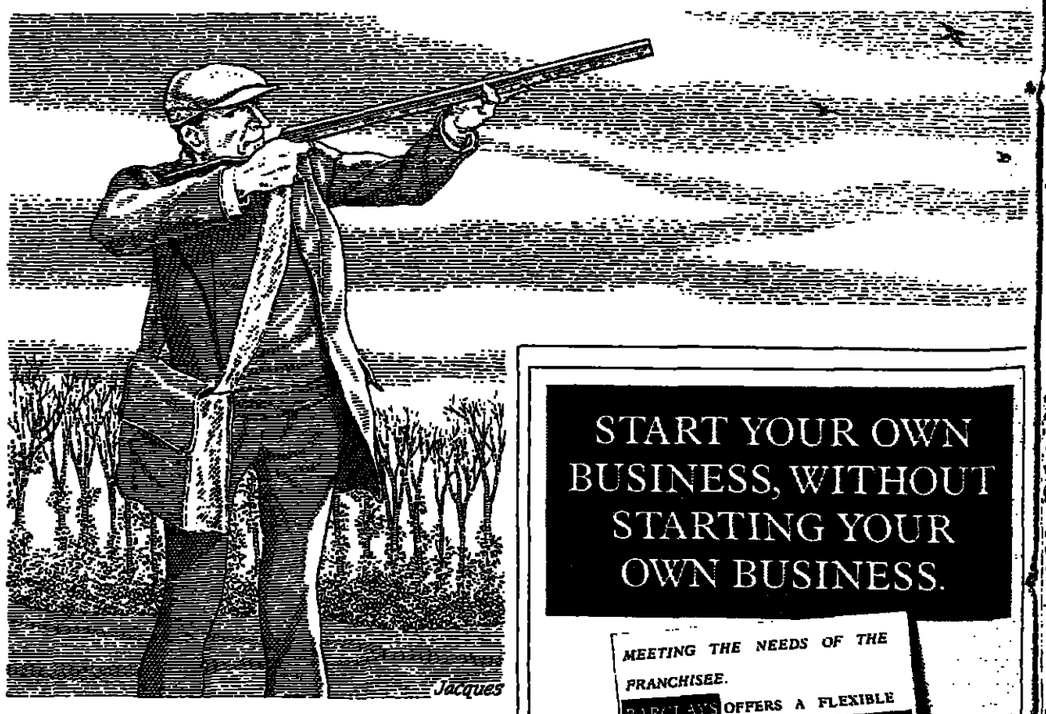
And yet there is a socially acceptable pursuit that dumps an estimated 2,000 tons of lead all over the nicest bits of environment we have left, and does so every year. This comes in the form of lead shot. Shooters often miss their birds: but never mind, the lead shot they accidentally dump will kill in the long term just as efficiently as it does with a good bang.

The International Waterfowl and Wetlands Research Bureau meets in Brussels from June 13 to 15 and is likely to produce damning results of further research into the problem of lead poisoning. Shooters are always telling us they are the most conservationally minded people about (and just have a funny way of showing it). It will be interesting to see how the wildfowlers' lobby reacts to these findings.

For as long as wildfowlers use lead shot for their pleasures they must be regarded as major polluters. The amount of lead they discharge is large: what is more, it gets dumped where it can do most damage.

THE detritus from wildfowlers' misses falls into the wetland that they are shooting up. From there, it gets picked up by birds. Wildfowl (and other birds) take in grit, which they hold in their gizzard and use to grind up food. Beaks have their uses but they are not much good for chewing: a gizzard full of grit does the job.

When a bird takes in lead with its grit it is literally poisoning itself. The bird gets ill, and often ends up dead. In most cases this is a slow job, lasting three weeks or so. In northern Europe, almost 20 per cent of diving ducks were found to have ingested lead: this rises to almost 60 per cent in the trigger-happy Mediterranean.



Jacques

Poison: lead shot can kill birds long after it has been fired

Brits like to consider themselves more civilised about guns than the Mediterraneans and the Americans. It was Tom Lehrer, the satirist, who wrote the national anthem of the American Hunting Man:

And there are ten stuffed heads in my trophy room right now —
Two game-wardens, seven hunters and a pure-bred Jersey cow!

But in gun-crazy America, the use of lead shot will be made illegal in the 1991-92 season. In Canada, lead shot became illegal in selected areas last year. Which is the uncivilised side of the Atlantic now?

From now on, American shooters must use steel shot. Hunters are traditionally minded people, and perhaps British hunters more than most. Steel, being much harder stuff, increases barrel wear significantly.

But I am reminded of the fishing people: another bunch of traditionalists. For years, the diehards insisted that there was no "real" substitute for lead weights. Abandoned lead weights killed wildfowl, particularly mute swans. In 1986, the sale of lead weights was banned. Every year since then the Thames population of mute swans has risen. If fishers can survive such trauma, so can shooters.

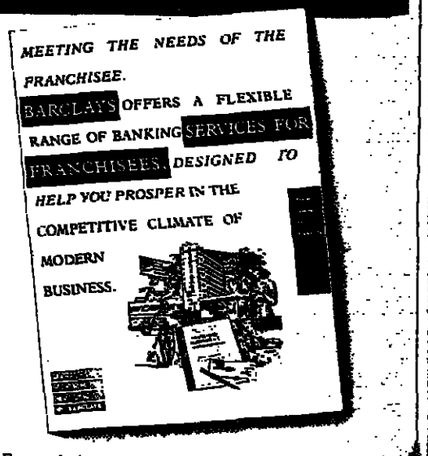
THE relationship between conservation organisations and shooters has always been complex. For example, the RSPB's charter forbids it to take any stand against shooting. Shooters always like to say that they are better guardians of the countryside than any do-gooders. Now they have a chance to prove it.

The issue puts their conservation credentials on trial. There are plenty of worse polluters in the world: but wildfowlers are dumping large quantities of poison exactly where it hurts most. Wetlands are a precious, vulnerable and dwindling habitat. Shooters must stop poisoning such places if we are to avoid considering the phrase "responsible hunter" a classic oxymoron.

SIMON BARNES

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Advice for the loved lawn

Grass can go through a painful patch in summer, says Heather Kirby, who seeks green-fingered help to ease the heartache

Gardeners have been known to weed a neighbour's lawn "helpfully" when they are on holiday, according to John Clowes, of ICI's garden products division. Then, he says, "we receive panic phone calls saying they have used a total weedkiller, which kills the grass as well as the weeds. Such calls are commonplace in July and August."

Mr Clowes cannot help the guilty grass slayer much because lawns murdered in this manner stay dead for a long time. Lawns are forgiving though, which is just as well because people have some odd ideas about growing grass.

"We are quite mad," Charles Caplin, a solicitor and keen gardener, acknowledges. He is proud of his Hampstead garden, which has been featured in a coffee table book. The Queen Mother once asked if she could come and have a look round. He believes lawns have more than an aesthetic role. He says: "I do most of the gardening, but like me, my wife finds mowing the lawn cathartic. It is a marvellous activity for getting one's quarrels off one's chest: you march backwards and forwards going over and over a quarrel and you feel so much better afterwards.

"I enjoy sitting on the grass but rarely do so because as soon as I sit down I see something which needs doing and up I get again. Last year we lost a lot of grass through the drought and the moss took over. Through the winter it looked dreadful so I had to attack it vigorously with a hammer drill, because the ground was so hard. Great fun."

Experts say the way to achieve a perfect lawn is to cut it little and often, and Mr Caplin mows his every three days. He feeds it with a compound he prefers not to name because, he says, it is fiendishly difficult to find.

Tending to the needs of your patch of green can drive you crazy. Graham Storey, of Fisons, has vivid memories of his childhood. "My father was obsessive, paranoid about yellow clover. I used to watch him every evening in summer picking it out by hand. A lot of men are that way inclined; clover disturbs their tranquillity. You can tell the types who like a shorn lawn, they will have nice little pots outside the front door with geraniums in them. Women are much more dismissive; to them lawns are an also-ran they will tend after they have got the flower beds up to scratch."

Devotees who dig out individual weeds on their hands and knees are known in the trade as "lawnatics", although they make up only 23 per cent of gardeners, according to an ICI survey. This revealed that about 85 per cent of adults have access to a garden and nearly nine out of ten gardens have a lawn. The lawn care market is worth about £30 million a year.

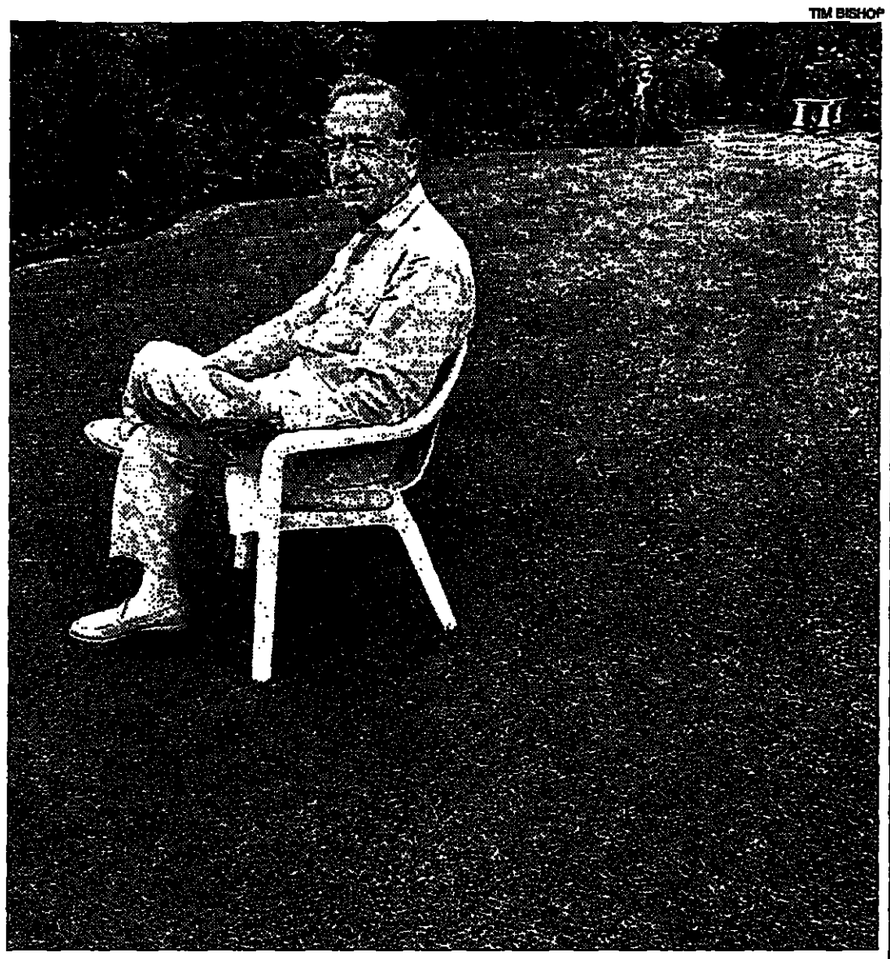
If most lawns are permanently under stress, which apparently they are, their owners are often burdened with feelings of inadequacy, and Fisons organises Gardening Encounter Groups where up to 15 "randomly selected" gardeners can share anxieties.

"They are bananas," says Alan Shaw, Fison's public relations manager, who says the company receives nearly 8,000 queries a year about gardening, most of them concerning lawns. "The classic thing they do is put fertiliser on by hand instead of with a spreader and then they complain there are scorch marks on the lawn," he says. Other things lawn duffers do is over-water, which deters deep rooting; or they put the sprinkler in the middle and go off to pour themselves a drink and end up with a big puddle and dry edges; or they cut it to within an inch of its life so that no photosynthesis can take place and the lawn gives up the struggle.

At this stage distraught grass growers send for a lawn "doctor" such as Patrick Lewis, a horticultural specialist at the Chelsea Gardener garden centre. "People put down lawns in town on space no bigger than 30 to 40 square yards, which is ridiculous," he says. "They are shaded by walls and surrounding trees and cats and dogs make the chances of survival hopeless."

When they ring him up, Mr Lewis tells them to pave it. "Of course, lawns are inexpensive — 50 square yards would be roughly £350, compared with £3,000 for paving. What happens is the man will come in and order the turf, then after a year he will say: 'This is a nightmare, let's get rid of it.' Then his wife will come in and choose some paving. She will tell her husband what it is going to cost and he flips, which is when I will try to repair it.

TIM BISHOP



Turf slave: Charles Caplin on his Hampstead lawn, mown every three days and fed with a secret compound

"You can tell the people who are going to be bad at lawns. If you walk into their house and the washing-up has not been done, there is a good chance the lawn has not been cut. A slack, lazy type cannot grow a good lawn because it needs a lot of looking after."

There is growing interest among townies for wild lawns, but those who think they thrive on neglect will be disappointed. Initially wild lawns need selective weeding and plug-planting with wild flower seeds. Ralph Gaines, the conservation director of the London Wildlife Trust, says: "A wild lawn will attract common butterflies and insect-feeding birds and eventually it will be a low maintenance area. It can be given one mow in mid-summer and left for a year. The important thing is not to fertilise it because wild flowers are not very good at competing with grasses."

Events in town

THIS WEEKEND

☐ **Model railway exhibition:** 25 impressive layouts. *Historic Dockyard, Chatham, Kent (0634 812551). Today, tomorrow, 10am-5.30pm. £2.50, children £1.50, family ticket £6.*

☐ **Brent countryside day:** Entertainments in the park, recently designated a nature reserve. Medieval theme includes strolling minstrels, clowns, morris dancers and demonstrations of hawk flying. Rare breeds on display, sheepdog trials, donkey and trap rides, nature trails, guided walks, children's games and fun fair. *Fryent Country Park, Brent. Tomorrow, 10.30am-7pm.*

☐ **Air Training Corps:** Fiftieth anniversary pageant. Wide range of displays illustrating the many activities open to air cadets, including abseiling, round-the-pole flying, caving, aircraft recognition, bands. All the museum attractions open as usual. *Royal Air Force Museum, Hendon (081-205 2266). Tomorrow, 11am-4.30pm. Museum admission £4.10, children £2.05, two-plus-two family ticket £10.*

NEXT WEEK

☐ **Duke's promenade season:** Spectacular open-air production of *Twelfth Night* and *Treasure Island* by a company which continues to receive good notices. *William St Park, Lancaster. Wed to Aug 10. Booking on 0524 66645.*

JUDY FROSHAUG

'Mint humbug' with a salty tang

The brig Royalist, pride of the Sea Cadets, starts her voyage in search of £200,000

Looking like a ship which has steered under full sail out of the pages of Captain Marryat or Patrick O'Brian, the brig Royalist is in London this weekend. The Sea Cadets' training ship is visiting St Katharine's Dock to launch a £200,000 appeal for a major refit after 20 years at sea, and to bring the ship into line with new safety regulations.

Among the yachts moored near Tower Bridge, the Royalist looks quite a big ship, with all the complexity of spars and halyards of a traditional square-rigger. At the starting-line of the annual Tall Ships races, in which she has won her class three times, she looks quite compact — striped black and white like a mint humbug.

Over 20 years, the Royalist has given more than 13,000 young people a taste of life before the mast. Sailing a season which runs from early March to late November each year, she has travelled as far afield as Scandinavia and Portugal, while sailing more than 180,000 miles — equivalent to eight voyages round the world.

The Sea Cadet Association is a charity, receiving limited funding from the Royal Navy, and largely financed by donations and fund-raising activities by the cadets.

"We have close ties with the Royal Navy, but supplying its manpower needs is only incidental for us," says Commander Graham Shaw, the general secretary of the Sea Cadet Association. "Only a small proportion of our cadets go into the navy. But probably as many as 30 or 40 per cent go into the merchant navy, the fire, police or ambulance services."

The Royalist's old-fashioned appearance is only superficial. She is the modern equivalent of the small brigs which worked as scouts, messengers and training vessels for the navy of Nelson's time. Materials and equipment include a steel hull, aluminium masts, echo sounder and electronic navigation systems.

The association claims that the ship, with her running expense of £250,000 a year, costs only half as much to run per trainee as other British training vessels. "On our smaller vessels we need one trained master for every five cadets, while in Royalist we need one for 22," Commander Shaw says.

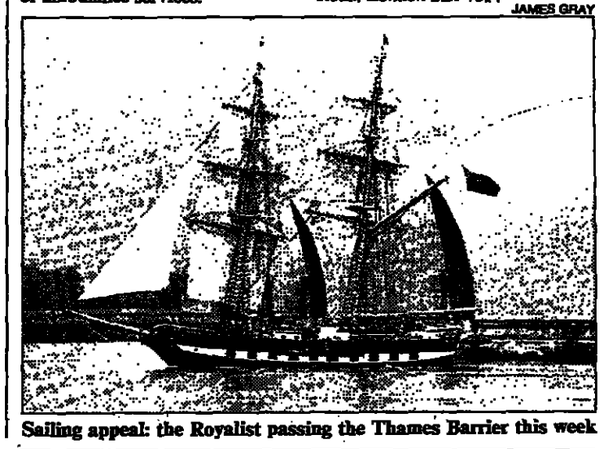
The quaint ship-in-a-bottle rig was adopted not out of nostalgia, but because it was practical. "We have a lot of small people on board," says Frank Scott, one of the Royalist's commanders and a former Sea Cadet. "We normally sail with mixed crews, and some of the boys and girls are aged only 13. The rig breaks up the heavy sail-handling into packages that they can share.

"And square rig means going aloft. It's not dangerous: we have not had a major accident yet in Royalist. But it feels dangerous, and the initial fear that you must get over is real. You could call it a confidence trick. I know the experience gave me confidence as a young person."

GEORGE HILL

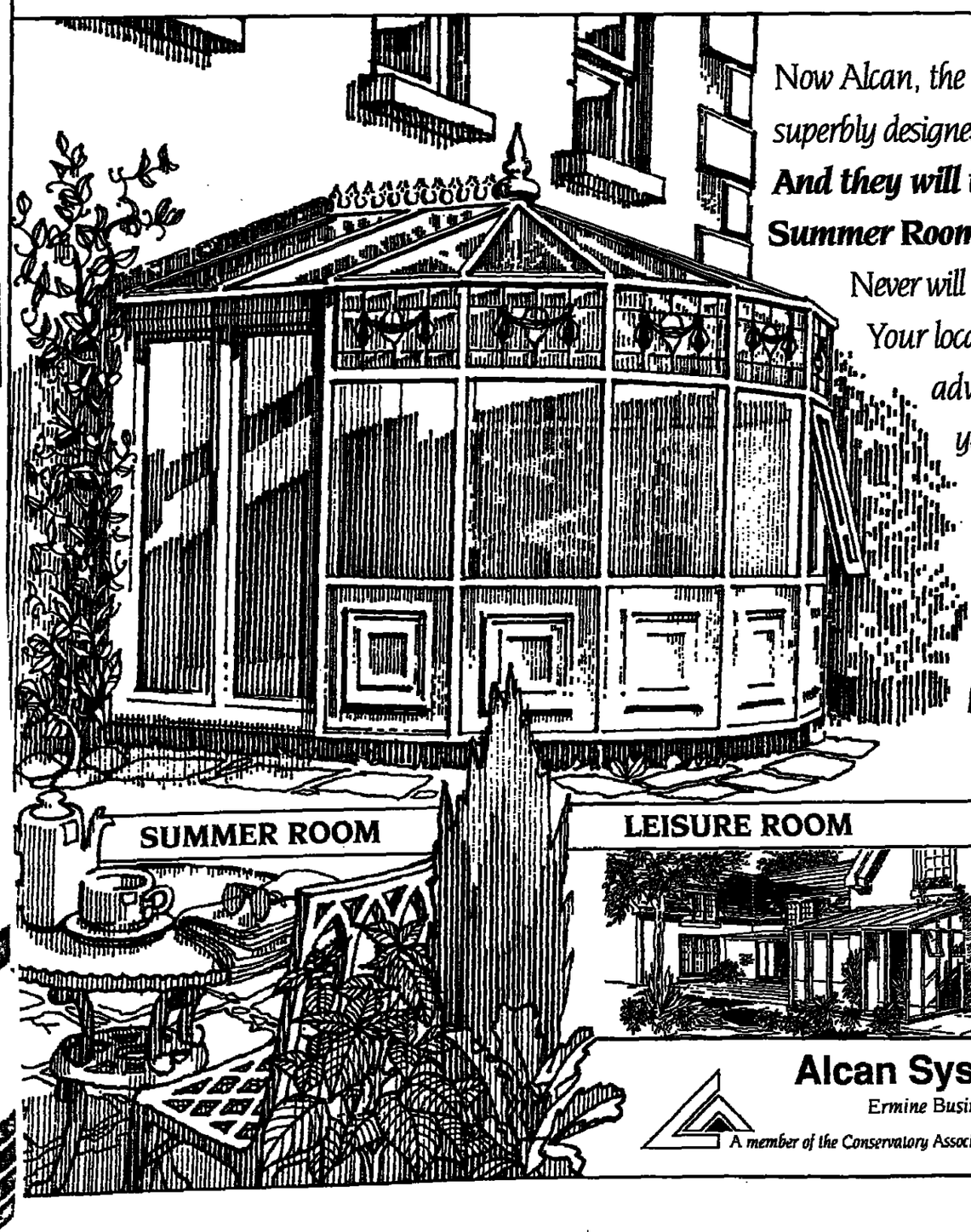
● *The Royalist is open to the public at St Katharine's Dock, near Tower Bridge, today, 9.30am-noon. Free. Sea Cadet Association, 202 Lambeth Road, London SE1 7JF.*

JAMES GRAY



Sailing appeal: the Royalist passing the Thames Barrier this week

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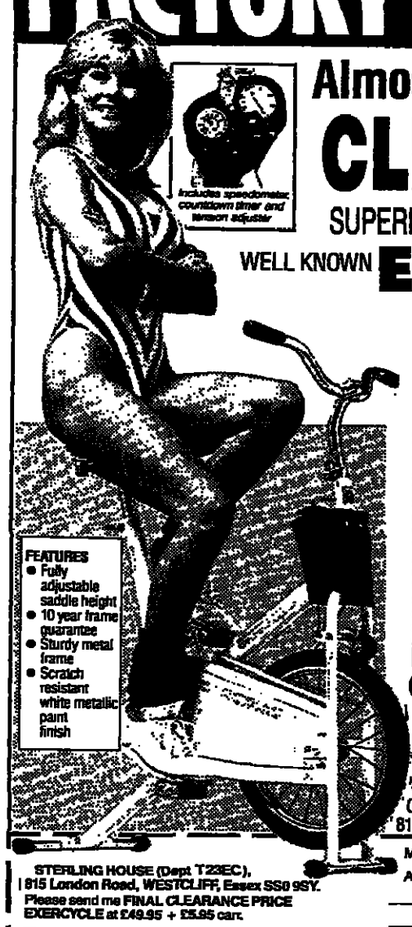
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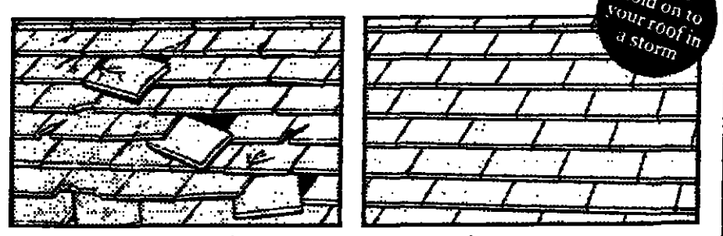
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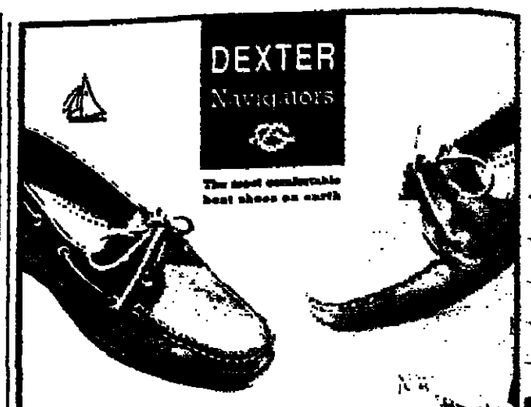
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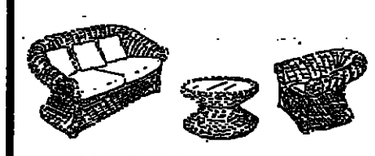
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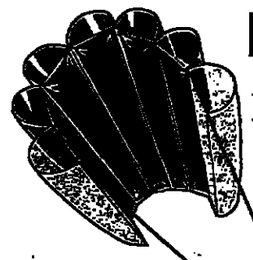
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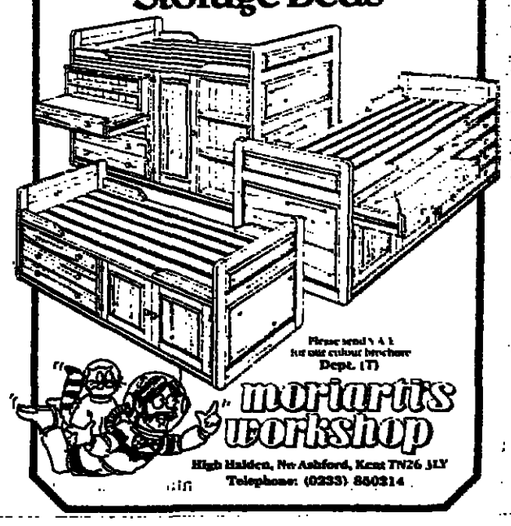
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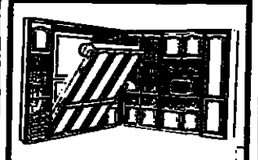
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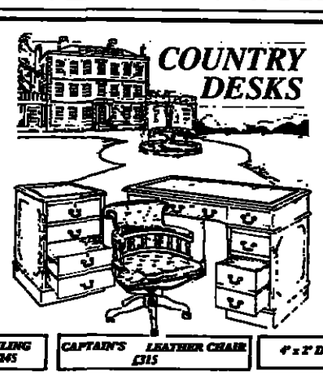
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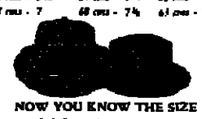
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Sarah Jane Checkland reports on one man's private mission to collect Constables

Most of the lenders to the John Constable exhibition, which opens at the Tate next Thursday, are institutions. But thumbing through the list one name, that of a private individual, crops up more than any other.

David Thomson, the 34-year-old son of the Canadian newspaper magnate Lord Thomson of Fleet, and an executive in the family's real estate, publishing and retail concerns, has been collecting our most famous landscapist since he was 17. Next week's exhibition includes some 50 works owned by him.

Mr Thomson, who keeps his collection at various homes including Toronto and London, says his Constable crush was fired when he was a child, by a set of small sketches hanging in the family breakfast room. "It turned out that many were by Constable's followers, Churchyard and Birch, but the spirit was the same," he says. "My excitement came in seeing these little drawings devoid of any composition, almost like shorthand notation. Crippled with arthritis, Constable had difficulties spending more than ten or 12 minutes sketching a given passage of landscape, and this moved me."

Having made his first purchase, of an 1835 sketchbook of Arundel castle, he started collecting seriously in his twenties. Now his collection stands at about 100 items, and his reference library is "vast", as is his awareness of "the likely whereabouts" of works which might fill the gaps.

His taste steers clear of what he calls the artist's "performing side" – the now-clichéd blockbusters such as *The Haywain* and *The Lock* (sold at Sotheby's last November to Baron Thyssen-Bornemisza for £10.78 million, a world record for a British painting). He prefers sketches from Constable's most spontaneous periods, the time of his honeymoon in 1816, for example, and the early 1820s.

Mr Thomson claims a reputation for being "extremely aggressive" in the marketplace, using contacts to track works all over the world, including South America, where many rich collectors emigrated during the 1930s. And he bids through secret agents at auction. There is, however, little competition. "There has been no consistently knowledgeable collector at my heels," he admits.

His taste is admired not least by Richard Constable, the artist's great-great-grandson, also an artist, who is exhibiting his bizarre "Surrealist nudes" in London this month. Mr Constable says Mr Thomson "collects for the right reasons, because he loves Constable's work and personality".



Pursuing his vision: David Thomson

Mr Thomson's mission to build up an important collection was assisted by the last substantial Constable exhibition, back in 1976, which attracted works on to the market at an unprecedented rate. Some 50 out of the 125 drawings and watercolours in next week's exhibition are new discoveries. According to James Miller of Sotheby's, there could be more to come. "Constable's family were very generous, giving things away to friends, cleaning ladies and the like."

Mr Thomson's adventures in the marketplace include anonymously paying the world record price of £2.6 million in 1986 at Christie's for *Flatford Mill from the Lock*, a painting which shows a mill that belonged to Constable's father on the banks of the river Stour. This important painting marks a departure from his normal practice of chasing only sketchy works. The painting had been missing for 50 years, and resurfaced when its owner took it to a Washington gallery for advice. The work is now on loan to the exhibition, along with an oil and canvas sketch of a similar view, bought at Christie's in April 1987.

John Bull, the London-based restorer and Constable expert (who prefers Constable to Turner because of the relative simplicity of his techniques) recalls a "beautiful little sketch of a sunset" acquired by Mr Thomson recently as a canvas stuck on to a panel. After removing the panel, Mr Bull unearthed another image on the back. "Constable tended to use bits of old paintings which he had scrapped," Mr Bull says. "This was clearly one which had been cut from a larger painting."

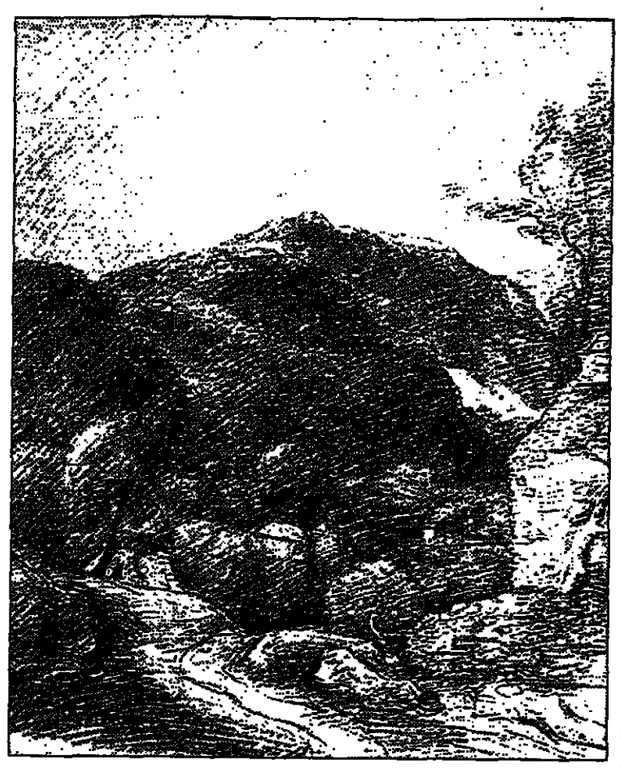
Ploughing Scene in Suffolk (A Summerland), the first of only a handful of paintings Constable ever managed to sell at a public exhibition, was bought by Mr Thomson at Christie's in 1982. It had suffered the indignity of having its sky repainted by its original buyer, John Allnutt. "David Thomson was brave enough to say 'let's try to see what there is of Constable's sky underneath. I would rather have a John Bull sky than the one that is painted on it'," Mr Bull says. In the event, he discovered 85 per cent of Constable's sky underneath.

Although Mr Miller insists Constable has been suitably priced by the market since the world record price last November, it is still possible to find sketches by him for a few thousand pounds. A secret bidder bought a Constable drawing of Derbyshire at Christie's for £6,000 only a few weeks ago.

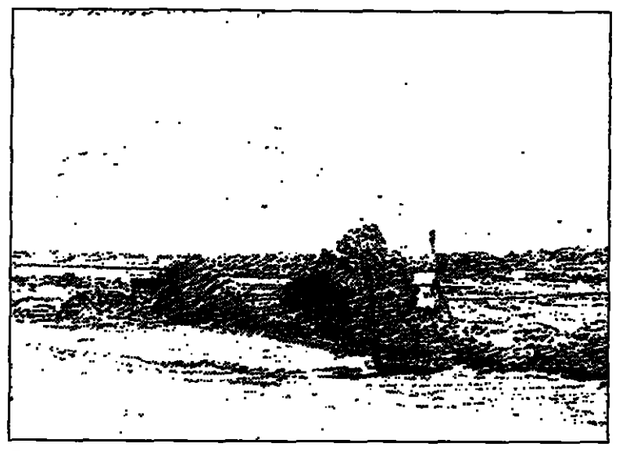
Mr Thomson has no particular plans for his collection. "I have my particular vision of the artist. I am not building for an institution, I am not hampered by a consortium. There will be a time when I have to consider these things, but not yet."

● Constable *is at the Tate Gallery, Millbank, London SW1 (071-821 1313) from June 13. Richard Constable's recent paintings are at the Launceston gallery, South Kensington (071-937 1602) from June 19.*

Constable's importance, see *Saturday Review*.



Glaramara from Borrowdale **(1806), a brooding Lakeland pencil sketch**



***Brantham Mills* (1814), one of some 100 works amassed by Mr Thomson**

Strad bidding hits low note

Review

☐ **Duet:** Minor violin-makers strung up new records at Sotheby's musical instrument sale in London. That for Francesco Goberti of Venice rose to £55,000, and for Nicolo Amati of Cremona to £44,000. However, the star Stradivarius, called the "Ex-Brustlein, failed to sell at £440,000 and brought the unsold percentage to 45. Sotheby's later found a buyer.

☐ **Bad outcome:** An export licence has been granted for the Badminton Cabinet, leaving the way open for its buyer, Barbara Johnson, to take it home to Princeton, New Jersey, and for Christie's and the Duke of Beaufort to be paid the £8.58 million.

☐ **Noble price:** *Le Reveil de Venus*, by the 18th century French artist Charles-Joseph Natoire, which shows Venus reclining amid attendants, caused surprise at Christie's New York when it fetched $506,000 (£298,000), against an estimate of $60,000 to $80,000. Theories include the attractions of the subject, and a reassessment of Natoire.

☐ **On your Marx:** A written attack by Karl Marx on the policies of King Friedrich Wilhelm IV of Prussia, the "most important autograph manuscript" by the political theorist, is expected to raise up to £100,000 at Christie's in London on June 26.

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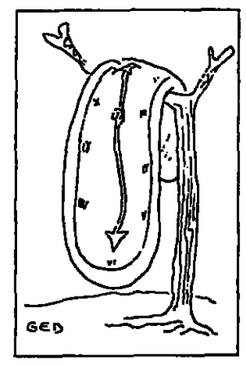
☐ **Today:** The Portobello arts festival features contemporary art at various galleries, including those of Anderson O'Day and Vanessa Devereux, and photography at the Special Photographers' Gallery. Continues tomorrow.

☐ **Monday:** Christie's offers "the finest Tang horse" it has had for a decade (up to £350,000) at its Chinese sale at 11am. The "Complete Etchings of Lucian Freud" is at Thomas Gibson Fine Art.

☐ **Tuesday:** Phillips, London, offers American and British decorative arts and artefacts at 11am. Sotheby's Chinese sale at 11am and 2.30pm includes a Tang lion and duck, and horses. At 2pm, Christie's South Kensington offers a collection of more than 350 fans.

☐ **Wednesday:** The Grosvenor House Antiques Fair opens to the public, 5-8pm, following a visit by the Queen Mother. Running until June 22, it is open 11am-8pm on weekdays and 11am-6pm at weekends. The most expensive draw is a Venetian scene by Turner, offered by Agnews for $25 million (about £14.4 million). At 10.30am and 2.30pm, Christie's South Kensington offers oriental ceramics and works of art, including a Japanese model of a dried fish (at £500). At the same times, Sotheby's wine sale includes a bottle of Château Lafite, 1808.

☐ **Thursday:** Connaught Brown opens its "Affordable Art" exhibition of contemporary art selected from 15 London galleries and priced from £50 to £2,000. Christie's hopes to get £500,000 for the Clanwilliam Commode, made for the Prussian crown prince circa 1785, at its continental furniture sale at 11am.



☐ **Thursday and Friday:** An adjustable-hour clock (up to £2,500) is among the Japanese works of art and prints at Sotheby's, Thursday, 11.45am.

☐ **Friday:** Sotheby's offers French and other continental tapestries and furniture, 10.30am and 2.30pm. Christie's Victorian picture sale at 11am includes John Brett's *Val d'Aosta* (up to £15,000). The Ceramics Fair and Seminar opens at the Park Lane Hotel, Piccadilly, 11am-6pm until Monday, 5pm.

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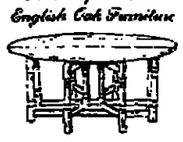
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Porter: nonchalant pose concealing a craftman of both words and music

It's delirious, it's de-limit, it's deluxe, it's de-lovely

Cole Porter was born a hundred years ago tomorrow.

Richard Morrison celebrates a master of the barbed lyric

Try writing a funny story: a scintillating satire on all the brittle socialites of your acquaintance, replete with innuendos of the lewdest variety. Then make it rhyme. Not just with end-of-line rhymes, but with those tricky, internal ones much admired by the more delicate Victorian poets. Rhymes such as in: "Good authors too, who once knew better words/Now only use four-letter words writing prose/Anything goes."

Then try composing a tune to fit; one that will still be hummed on the centenary of your birth. Repeat the process about 200 times, while giving the illusion that you toss off these lyrical jewels on the back of an envelope, between cocktails on a yacht in the Med.

Further titillate your jaded sensibilities by orchestrating another illusion: you conduct furtive homosexual affairs while keeping up the pretence of a glittering marriage to a rich divorcee. Then have an appalling horse-riding accident, requiring both legs to be amputated. Refuse to lose your legs; instead, suffer 30 operations and constant pain to your dying day. Perpetrate the greatest illusion of all: that your life is as carefree as ever. Never let them see you cry. Not your style.

Do all that, and you will come close to being Cole Porter. Now you just need that elusive thing called inspiration. Where did Porter find his? Well, he was probably the only composer ever who thought the best way to get a musical written was to embark on a round-the-world cruise with an entourage of boisterous acolytes, a metronome, a piano, 24 pencils and three cases of Grand Chambertin '87.

He was also possibly the only one to turn up to the first rehearsal of his new musical without the slightest inkling of a plot. Composer and director improvised one on the spot. The cast found it plausible and departed happily. Unfortunately, the next day nobody could remember how the story went, so they started again. Thus was *Anything Goes* born.

Of course, Porter's impregnable veneer of nonchalance was underpinned by one crucial circumstance: wealth. His grandfather's brewery saw him through Yale; his wife's divorce settlement bought him a passport to the 1920s *beau monde* of idle, rich Americans drifting round Europe in a continuous haze of sex and chatter. Not for Porter the hard slog of song-plugging that comprised Gershwin's and Irving Berlin's apprenticeships. "This verse you've started seems to me/The Tin-Pantithesis of melody," sings one character loftily to another in "It's De-Lovely". One can imagine Porter displaying the same amused disdain towards the music business in real life.

Yet he mostly reserved his acid for the playmates of his own milieu: the gold-digging ladies who are always true to you, darling, in their fashion, or the party bores "so amusing and mentally bracing/Who talked about racing and racing and racing".

He was a merciless debunker of sentimentality. "Take Me Back to Manhattan" seemingly begins as a hymn to homesickness, but suddenly Porter slips in a delicious verbal stiletto: "I'm just longing to see once more/My little home on the hundredth floor". Similarly, the apparently trite buddy-buddy sentiments of "Friendship" ("If you're ever in a jam, here I am") are soon subverted into the blackest of sardonic fantasies: "If they ever put a bullet through your brain . . . I'll complain".

Even the celebrated "Ev'ry Time We Say Goodbye" has a knowing wink tucked in among the pathos. Porter steers perilously close to the clichés of Tin-Pantithesis himself in the second stanza — "When you're near there's such an air of spring about it" — only to rescue himself with a sly dig at his own imagery: "I can hear a lark somewhere begin to sing about it."

His tunes are indivisible from his rhymes and metres. Take that anthem of sexual obsession, "Night and Day". First the teasing build-up: word after word chanted with masochistic deliberation on the same pitch. Then, Porter twists the lines around internal rhymes, as if they are knots of frustration in the pit of the stomach: "Oh such a hungry yearning burning inside of me". Finally, he sets the chorus to a great gulp of a tune, whose chords seem to pull it ever downwards into a vortex of desire. As an expression of unfulfilled lust, "Night and Day" leaves "Satisfaction (I Can't Get No)" some way behind.

But usually Porter treated sex less seriously. In fact, he mostly treated it with the sort of ostentatious smuttiness favoured by the impotent or the deeply insecure. He only got away with it because it was deployed so dazzlingly. Remember his hoodlums' guide to Shakespeare? "When your baby is pleading for pleasure/Let her sample your Measure for Measure." Or his acidic portrait of the groupies who drooled over big-band leaders? "When they hear Harry James make with the lips/The most colonial dames fracture their hips."

Porter can be charged with a lack of artistic ambition: he never aspired to write concertos or operas as Gershwin did, or to create an American mythology, like Rodgers and Hammerstein. But is innovation such a vital quality in a composer of musicals? Today's are nothing if not strenuously inventive. Yet if all the Lloyd Webber and Boublil/Schönberg blockbusters were laid side by side in one continuous entertainment (now, there's an enticing thought), the result would surely contain fewer funny lines than in a single song by Cole Porter. You can keep the helicopters, the roller-skates, the "meaningful" plots, if I can have just "You're the Top".

Bodily harm of a militant tendency

Television: Alan Bleasdale's new "non-naturalistic absurdist fable", *G.B.H.*, reviewed by Lynne Truss



Characters in schematic opposition: Robert Lindsay as Michael Murray and Michael Palin as Jim Nelson

In the unreal city of Alan Bleasdale's new seven-part series G.B.H. (Channel 4), where the local Labour council leader is a manicured megalomaniac with a variety of tailored suits, nobody mentions the name of Liverpool. There are no homely jokes about Everton; nobody makes a crack about *Brookside*. Perhaps the names have been changed to protect the innocent. Who knows?

What is clear, however, is that we are in the north-north-west, that special point of the compass identified by Hamlet with madness, and identified by Alan Bleasdale with being (in Yosser Hughes's memorable words) "desperate, Dan". But things are not what they seem. You know you are in Bleasdale country because you half-expect to see pinned up on the council-chamber walls the slogan, "It doesn't help to be mad here, but it works."

The appearance of any Bleasdale project is traditionally accompanied by an ideological whirlwind, which creates a tight little, right little vortex, twisting and howling at some distance from the real point. Both *Boys from the Blackstuff* and *The Monocled Mutineer* were primarily concerned with powerless people living a kind of hell-on-earth rodeo ride, clinging by their fingernails to an existence that was bucking hard to throw them off. Both series were powerful, emotional pieces, written with a simplify-and-then-exaggerate dramatic licence. To be fair, other playwrights seem to get away with something similar.

But Bleasdale doesn't; he is unlucky that way. While millions of viewers watched enthralled, both *Blackstuff* and *The Monocled Mutineer* were roundly condemned either for being Marxist propaganda and/or for misrepresenting historical facts. It was solemnly pointed out, for example, that DHSS investigators in the Liverpool area did not at the relevant period travel by van, but by bus. *Quelle gaffe*, Bleasdale. Not quite as unforgivable as writing spontaneous combustion into a great Victorian novel, but almost.

In the case of *G.B.H.*, Bleasdale has counter-attacked cleverly with a two-pronged pincer movement. First, he has written explicitly about politics (nobody can say, then, this is a political work *manqué*); second, he has conceived *G.B.H.* as a non-naturalistic absurdist fable, in which anything goes, and about which anyone drawing direct analogies with a person living or dead may be heading for trouble with the law. The words "this is a work of the imagination" seem to flash periodically and emphatically across the screen, along with "please don't write in".

Yet still he doesn't get away with it. Now he is attacked for denigrating the far left, for painting an ugly ignorant picture of Militant. On Wednesday's Late Show (BBC'2) his political record was tutted over, while he was shown in interview hoarsely protesting (I think he had a cold) that he didn't know much about Militant really, despite living in Liverpool where most people had an A-level in the subject.

Was he being disingenuous? Probably not. Politics are not his strong point, I would guess. The flippancy of his replies ("I've told my wife that if I ever show signs of wanting to join the Monday Club, she's to poison my dinner of a Sunday night") reveals that, deep down, Bleasdale's politics may be pretty superficial. He is more interested in madness and power than in party politics, and he is much more interested in the man's world of the existential bucking bronco ride: it makes better television, and ultimately it is probably a lot more important.

Anybody will have noticed from the first episode of *G.B.H.* that it is high-class stuff. Robert Lindsay and Michael Palin are giving inspired performances, and their two characters have been nicely (if rather schematically) set up in promising opposition to each other, like non-identical twins — the Bad, Mad Socialist and the Good, Worried Socialist; the Psychotic and the Neurotic.

The key scene, obviously, was their face-to-face meeting in the school gym, when council leader Michael Murray (Lindsay) tried bully-boy reasoning with headmaster Jim Nelson (Palin), to make him go home and not break an otherwise successful Day of Action. "You're supposed to be on our side: you're a Socialist," he said, at which Nelson bent double with laughter. Then, "Don't ever use that word with me," warned Palin (a smidgeon too quickly). "Don't ever pretend that what you're doing has got anything to do with socialism." Well, I did say it was a little schematic.

But I still maintain that politics is probably a side-issue in *G.B.H.* (admittedly, without seeing beyond episode two). What really separates Murray from Nelson is not a difference of conviction, but the fact that Murray has power — an awesomely total power, before which everybody but Nelson bows down. The sense that he is a popular leader, democratically elected, is almost non-existent; as he struts about with an oversized rosette pinned to his suit (and Lindsay appears to strut *even while sitting down*), or bulldozes his comically stupid henchmen into jobs such as education chairman, he might just as well have risen to supremacy through running the numbers racket, or selling protection.

The gangster analogy was obvious. After the nasty climactic scene at Nelson's special school — with clone-like myrmidon thugs beating on the roof and terrorising the ESN children — Murray solemnly shook hands with the police, just like in the gangster movies. In this context, Murray's evident madness — the twitching left eye, the Achilles-heel obsession with his long-dead father ("my dada") and the overpowering memory of a childhood trauma ("You will help me, Michael, won't you?" says the voice of Eileen, from years ago) — are pretty well par for the course.

I confess I didn't find much to laugh at in this first episode. There was Palin's "Are you Scottish, doctor?" after John Shrapnel's tirade against his patient's hypochondria; and there was Lindsay's brilliantly delivered response to the news of Trotsky's words concerning the fascist's head and the pavement. "Oh, aye, too true. Wise old twat, Trotsky was." I am assured the series gets funnier in the middle episodes, when Palin's neurosis and Lindsay's psychosis reach true nutcase proportions. Perhaps by then, also, niggling questions such as "Could this happen really?" will be safely slammed aside, when Michael Murray has been crowned King of England.

Speaking of which, BBC 2's **The Second Russian Revolution** is certainly shedding a clear cool light on the other famous socialist free-thinker, Mikhail Gorbachev. Last night's second episode dealt from the inside with the "first test of glasnost", the accident at Chernobyl in 1986 — a test which the Politburo, by deciding not to tell anything about it for three weeks, failed pretty resoundingly. The programme also charted Gorbachev's suppression of an anti-perestroika coup, whipped up in 1988 by his deputy (and former supporter), Yegor Ligachev.

The clarity of these programmes is exemplary. But the astounding thing is the scope of the interviews. The sight of Politburo members, newspaper editors and propaganda chiefs all giving their first-hand versions of these inner-circle machinations is so remarkable that it is sometimes difficult to take in. Here was Ligachev, for example (the would-be ouster), not airbrushed out of history, but instead denying everything to camera, just like any other wily politician in the free world. Since the series was filmed, apparently, the zenith of glasnost has passed; the Kremlin people have stopped talking so openly. One shudders to think it, but perhaps they saw early tapes of *G.B.H.*, and realised that mad, bad Stalinist socialism is the only viable variety, after all.

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DONALD COOPER



Unflinchingly powerful: Josephine Barstow as Katerina

Meat and lust

OPERA

Lady Macbeth of Mtsensk
Coliseum

THIS is the way for the English National Opera to be concluding its 20th-century season — with a great roaring, blaring din that seems to speak of fulfilled achievement, of defiance, and surely also of gratitude to an audience that has stayed with the company and has now confirmed its allegiance by contributing more than £80,000 to fund this revival. The evening is, too, a triumphant assertion of the house style that has been created at the Coliseum over the last decade, with everything working at full pitch, from stage machinery to supporting children.

Designed by Stefanos Lazaridis and directed by David Pountney, the production sets the opera in a meat factory, a place of machinery and flesh. The spectacle is fatly imposing, superbly disciplined, wildly imaginative, lurid and vulgar: in other words, it answers to every characteristic in Shostakovich's music. It also answers, with a lot of crack synchronised action, to the belligerent rhythms of the piece: the rhythms of mechanical engineering, of marching, of punishment, of sex.

Those rhythms come huge and surging out of the pit, and out of the brass instruments of the dozen players on stage, in what is a mighty orchestral performance. There has been plenty of reason to praise the ENO musicians this season, particularly when they have been playing, as they are here, for Mark Elder. Even so, this is an astonishing performance, not only in its sheer volume and brazen confidence, but also in the intentness driven into Shostakovich's extravagant demands on soloists — not least on the E flat clarinet player, who has to pirouette on the high wire with one leg tied behind his back.

What shocks in this production, too, is the central performance by Josephine Barstow, for whom the opera might have been written. She is like an unexploded bomb in the first scenes: utterly still, and yet with something colossal waiting to come tearing out of her mute resentment. When the detonation arrives, with the help of a stud labourer, it does so in a vocal and dramatic performance of unflinching power. Then there is coldness again, but now without bitterness, and the voice that was keen with lust is now a poor naked thing.

The supporting cast is full of strength. Willard White brings a majestic awfulness to the domineering father-in-law; Bonaventura Bottone bravely enacts the weak, stiff husband. Warren Ellsworth as his surrogate is appropriately free and physical, even if he yells more than he sings. Nicholas Folwell, Sally Burgess and Maria Moll all have their moments in this fresco of atrocity.

PAUL GRIFFITHS

Solitary refinement

THEATRE

Let Them Call It Jazz
Drill Hall

GENE Rhys was a devastatingly reticent writer, each word dropped quietly into place with deadly accuracy. Her stories depict outsiders defeated but not quite crushed, bitterness mercifully alloyed with humorous self-knowledge. She avoids self-pity by using an almost throw-away, deadpan style. If the one-woman *tour de force*, adapted from a short story, has a fault, it lies in an element of proud, even glamorous, theatricality alien to Rhys's muted incisiveness.

Completed in 1960, the short story refers to the author's own bouts of drunken paranoia, court appearances and committal to Holloway a decade before. The first person narrative lends itself to monologue form, adapted by Neil Bartlett who co-directs with Annie Castledine.

Selina is Caribbean, with a white father, dulling the hurts and disappointments of London in drink. Placed by a speculator (for motives less clear in the stage version than in the original story) in a crumbling property, she comes up against the frozen hostility of the English — a frequent theme in Rhys's work.

Pauline Black plays the part in the "dusty pink dress" mentioned in the story's last line: a sort of cultural blood-money from a composer in return for the song of hope and defiance Selina remembers from an unknown prisoner. She is beautiful, defiant and ultimately together. The past tense narration suggests subsequent prosperity, out of keeping with Rhys's losers.

Occasionally, the actress drops the Caribbean lilt to address comments to the audience in her normal voice ("The woman who wrote this story knew what she was talking about"), a sententious device that moves us uneasily into the world of schools' broadcasting and agitprop theatre. Otherwise the adaptation is fairly faithful, and for a hundred minutes the actress is as striking for her restraint as for her emotional range: drunken exuberance, wounded pride, painfully acquired wisdom and bewildered loneliness are crystallised with intelligence and discipline.

If the show sometimes blurs the distinction between control and mere calculation, the fault is not with the magnificent performance.

MARTIN HOYLE

THE SUNDAY TIMES

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10.50 Grandstand introduced by Bob Wilson. The line-up is (subject to alteration): 10.50, 1.40, 2.35, 3.05 and 4.00 Cricket: live coverage of the third day's play in the first Test between England and West Indies at Headingley; 1.00 News; 1.05 Football: highlights of England's third game of their Australasian tour, the second against New Zealand; 2.25, 2.55 and 3.25 Racing from Haydock Park; 3.35 and 4.30 Tennis: Monica Seles plays Arantxa Sanchez Vicario in the women's singles final of the French open championships

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5.15 Regional News and sport

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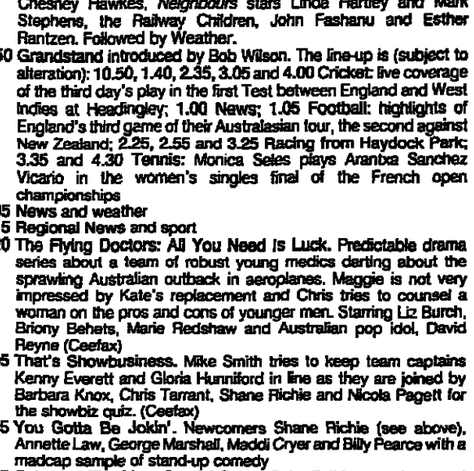
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8.20 One Foot in the Grave: I'll Retire To Bedlam. Mordant comedy about a man who experiences a late-life crisis when he is forced to take early retirement. A swarm of bees set life a-buzz for Victor and traps him in the garden shed for three hours. Starring Richard Wilson (r). (Ceefax)

8.50 News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Sport and weather

9.10 Casualty: Street Life. Another repeat dose of the gritty, true-to-life medical drama. Two teenage runaways enter into a suicide pact, and Megan, after discovering the state of one of the pair, sets out to find the other girl before her clumsy attempt on her life succeeds. With Brenda Fricker, Derek Thompson and Catherine Shipton. (Ceefax)



Nun too sure: Caroline Aherne as Sister Immaculate (10.00pm)

10.00 Paramount City. Curtis and Ishmael of BBC2's *The Real McCoy* introduce a late-night soirée of comedy and music from Britain and beyond featuring Sean Hughes, Caroline Aherne, Steve Coogan, Jon Stewart, Larry Amoras and, with music, Massive Attack and Sydney Youngblood

10.40 Film: Love and Bullets (1979). Meandering tale of a policeman contracted by the FBI to find a mobster's mistress in Geneva, and bring her back to America to give evidence against her erstwhile lover. Not even the rough charm of Charles Bronson and Rod Steiger, nor the grace of Bronson's real-life wife, the late Jill Ireland, can persuade the viewer to forfeit the love and just take the bullets. Directed by Stuart Rosenberg 12.15am Weather

BBC 2

6.50 Open University

2.45 Mahabharat. Episode 50 of the Indian epic in 93 parts. In Hindi with English subtitles

3.25 Film: Wings of the Morning (1937, b/w). The first British feature film in Technicolor recruited the young Henry Fonda from Hollywood, the French actress Arabella and the Irish singer John McCormack for a romantic drama about a Spanish gypsy princess and an Irish nobleman. The story begins at the end of the 19th century and spans three generations. McCormack's songs helps to brighten up a lightweight tale which has, surprisingly, never been shown on network television before. The title is the name of a horse. With Leslie Banks and the music-hall comedian, Harry Tate. Directed by Harold Schuster

4.50 Cricket. Live coverage of the closing session of the third day's play in the first Test between England and West Indies at Headingley

6.25 Small Objects of Desire: The Answering Machine. The original telephone answering machine was a huge contraption that took three days to install. But are the new, more compact versions any more "user friendly" for those who balk at the thought of trying to talk to a machine? (r)

6.45 Late Again. Highlights of the week's *The Late Show* programmes

7.30 News with Moira Stuart. Sport and weather

7.45 Our War: Voices from Ramadan. Film-maker Merzak Allouache looks at the expectations and eventual disillusionment of the Algerian people following the Gulf war. Throughout the conflict the country sought to act as a mediator between Iraq and the United States. However many Algerians supported Sadam Hussein as the first strong Arab leader to stand up against the West. This programme follows Kamel, a young teenager who signed up to fight in Iraq and felt betrayed when the ceasefire was announced



Bach to basics: artificial flesh for Dutch National Ballet (8.15pm)

8.15 Dancemakers: Groosland/Scelsi Suites
● CHOICE: A bold offering by the Dutch National Ballet clads its dancers in bouncing folds of artificial flesh and has them wobbling across a dark, bare stage to the strains of Bach's second and third Brandenburg concertos. The creation of the innovative French choreographer, Maguy Marin, *Groosland* is an assault on dance's number one taboo, being fat. The ampler body, Marin contends, can still be beautiful. But the danger, as the critic Judith Mackrell points out in her introduction, is that *Groosland* will be seen to be presenting fat people either as funny or grotesque. In contrast to *Groosland's* exuberance, tonight's other offering, Nicole Mossoux's *Scelsi Suites*, is an austere, minimalist piece that seems at times to be hardly a ballet at all. Charting the aftermath of a couple's failed relationship, it is more like a wordless film, with camerawork and editing as important as the choreography

9.05 Comic Strip Presents . . . Les Dogs. The *Comic Strip* team, formidably augmented by Kate Bush, Miranda Richardson, Julie T. Wallace and Tim Mcinnerny, star in a riotous comedy about a businessman who is involved in a car accident and then stumbles on to a bizarre wedding ceremony where the families of the bride and groom seem to detest each other to the point of violence (r)

9.35 The Wolvis Family: Going On. Final episode of the comedy drama series in which Dr Wilcockson (Nicholas Woodeson) attempts to help the uptight Wolvis family. (Ceefax)

10.05 Video Diaries: The Man Behind the Shotgun.
● CHOICE: Tonight's amateur video is by and about Jack, who attacked two security guards with a sawn-off shotgun, stole a bag of cash and was given 12 years for armed robbery. Nearing the end of his sentence, he offers an unsentimental reflection on his life of crime and an approving account of his present address, an experimental secure prison in Kent. Exactly what makes Blantyre House special is not made clear but its enlightened approach wins plaudits from old lags and screws alike. It seems to work a good deal better than Jack's first prison, where a fellow inmate hanged himself in his cell. In a particularly effective sequence, the man's widow offers her thoughts to the camera. No one could accuse Jack of setting out to make propaganda. But the implicit message of an honest, unpretentious and often funny film is that trying to rehabilitate prisoners is at least as necessary as punishing them

11.25 Twin Peaks. A repeat of Tuesday's edition in which Major Briggs (Don Davis) encounters the villainous Windom Earle (Kenneth Welsh). (Ceefax)

12.15am Cricket: First Test. Highlights of the third day's play at Headingley. Ends at 12.50

ITV

6.00 TV-am

9.25 Ghost Train. Chills, thrills, fun and excitement with Frances Dodge and Sabra Williams plus guests including Kylie Minogue, *Grange Hill* actress Georgina Hayes, pop poet Mike Rosen and the Banderas

11.30 The ITV Chart Show. The *Vintage Video* slot features Gloria Gaynor

12.30 World Sport Special Sporting action and interviews from around the world

1.00 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather. 1.05 LWT News and weather

1.10 Golf. Action from the Murphy's Cup being played at Fulford, York. The commentators are John Helm and Michael King

2.45 Schoolboy Soccer. Elton Welsby introduces live coverage of the game at Wembley between England's under-15s and their German counterparts. The commentators are Brian Moore and Ian St John

5.00 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather 5.05 LWT News and weather

5.15 MacGyver: Pirates. Action-packed drama series starring Richard Dean Anderson as American secret agent and science boffin MacGyver. This week MacGyver is enlisted by the US Navy to help catch a gang of 20th-century pirates who, having located and plundered some ancient artefacts, go on to kidnap the archaeologist who holds the key to where the remaining treasures may be found

6.15 Wayne Dobson: A Kind of Magic. More off-beat magic, assisted by Linda Lusardi

6.45 Bob's Your Uncle. Veteran comic Bob Monkhouse hosts the slapstick game show in which newlywed couples are encouraged to take part in embarrassing stunts



Mimickry from the stalls: Leslie Crowther is the host (7.30pm)

7.30 Stars in Their Eyes. New series of the talent show where members of the public try their skill at impersonating showbusiness stars. Tonight's winner goes through to the final in five weeks' time. Hosted by Leslie Crowther

8.00 Agatha Christies's Poirot: Triangle at Rhodes. Stylish art deco sleuthing starring David Suchet as the tirasomely successful Belgian with the little grey cells. Poirot is on holiday in Greece, enjoying the sun and chatting to his fellow guests. Then Mrs Chantry (Annie Lambert) is murdered by a poisoned pink gin and Poirot begins to unravel a tangled web of love-and-hate relationships between the guests (r). (Oracle)

9.00 News with Sue Carpenter. Sport and weather 9.15 LWT Weather

9.20 Film: Night Walk (1989). Television movie recycling the well-used plot of the woman in peril. Lesley-Anne Down plays Geneva Miller, an unhappily married woman who goes to her holiday home for a little solitude only to witness a murder on a deserted beach. Geneva reports the killing but it is not until the plainclothes sheriff protecting her is assassinated that police lieutenant Jake Simon (Robert Ulrich) realises that they are dealing with professional hitmen. With Mark Joy and Michael Alldredge, directed by Jerrold Freedman

11.10 Metro. Ian Dury and Arabella Weir host the arts and entertainment guide to the capital. The guests are actor Donald Pleasence, the opera singer Rita Hunter and flamenco artist Paco Peña

11.45 Film: The Mackintosh Man (1973). Involved spy thriller, covering familiar ground, in which British Intelligence hires an outsider (Paul Newman, playing an Australian) to expose a highly-placed Communist traitor. Newman spends time in prison to gain credibility and then stages a break-out which leads him to a remote house in Ireland. A fine supporting cast includes James Mason, Ian Bannen, Michael Hordern and Harry Andrews. Directed by John Huston

1.35am Pro Karting UK Championships

2.35 Night Heat: Pride and Prejudice. Detectives Giambone (Jeff Wincott) and O'Brian (Scott Hylands) become involved when a man is beaten to death following a string of assaults at a gay cruising spot. The investigation is hampered by the reluctance of previous victims to come forward and identify the killer.

3.35 Ten Pin Bowling. Highlights from the final stages of the Ten High British classic staged in Stirling earlier this year. Presented by Sally McNair and Archie McPherson

4.00 The Hit Man and Her. Pete Waterman and Michaela Strachan introduce dance music and contests from clubs around the country

5.30 ITN Morning News with Tim Neilson. Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Comic Book 7.30 Pet World (r) 8.00 Trans World Sport

9.00 News summary followed by Channel 4 Racing: The Morning Line

9.25 Sing and Swing. Performances by jazz stars of the Thirties and Forties (r)

9.30 Listening Eye: Acting for Ourselves. A look at the reluctance of film and television producers to cast deaf actors in deaf roles. With signing and subtitles (r)

10.00 Short Stories: District Nurses. A documentary about Sandra, Julie and Steven, three district nurses who provide a lifeline for the elderly and housebound in Battersea (r)

10.30 Wagon Train (b/w) Classic Fifties western series

11.30 World League of American Football

12.30 The Munsters (b/w) (r)

1.00 Film: Hue and Cry (1946, b/w)
● CHOICE: This was the first of the Ealing comedies, released in the cold, bleak February of 1947 when a shivering nation was only too ready to be cheered up. The original script by the inventive T. E. B. Clarke, who went on to write *Passport to Pimlico* and other Ealing staples, started from the premise that a boys' comic was being used by criminals to pass information. Jack Warner was unusually cast as the villain and Alastair Sim turns in a delightful cameo as the comic's innocent author. But the heroes of the rousing yarn are the children, who in a spectacular climax turn out in their droves to trap the crooks. Much of the film was shot on the bomb sites still much in evidence in London two years after the end of the war, thus anchoring the fantasy in a real time and place. The director was Charles Crichton, who went on to make *The Lavender Hill Mob* and, more recently, *A Fish Called Wanda*.

2.35 Channel 4 Racing from Epsom. Brough Scott introduces live coverage of the 2.45, 3.15, 4.05 (Gold Seal Oaks) and 4.40 races

5.05 Brookside Omnibus edition (r). (Teletext)

6.30 News summary and weather followed by Right to Reply C4's controller of arts and entertainment, Andrea Wonfor, and Jonathan Ross answer a viewer who believes *Tonight With Jonathan Ross* should be put on later or scrapped (Teletext)



Sweet tones: gospel and pop singer Cissy Houston (7.00pm)

7.00 Sound Stuff: Cissy Houston — Sweet Inspiration.
● CHOICE: Cissy Houston may tend to be known as the mother of Whitney Houston, or even the aunt of Dionne Warwick, rather than a substantial performer in her own right. This American profile does ample justice to a musical double life. She was brought up in the gospel tradition and started singing with her family group, the Drinkard Sisters, at the age of five. She still spends Sundays back home in Newark, New Jersey, directing her own choir at New Hope Baptist Church. She "crossed over" to pop in the early Sixties and admits it was for the money. She was much criticised by church people for doing so, but maintains that gospel is still her musical base. Performance footage recalls her Sixties backing group, the Sweet Inspirations, which helped to create the Atlantic Records soul sound, and there are extracts from a sell-out concert in which Cissy and Whitney Houston shared the stage

8.00 Adventures: The Loneliest Mountain. A documentary charting the progress of six Australians as they attempt to climb Mount Minto, the highest mountain in the Admiralty range, 150 kilometres into the Antarctic interior (r). (Teletext)

9.00 thirtysomething. Well-written American comedy/drama tracing the lives of seven friends in their mid-thirties. (Teletext)

10.00 Film: Enemy of the People (1989). Satyajit Ray transferred Henrik Ibsen's classic play to modern-day Bengal where its warning about the danger of institutionalised narrow-mindedness and pollution is as relevant as ever. The holy waters of a Hindu temple are the main attraction of a small West Bengal town. Realising that the water is polluted and could result in an epidemic of jaundice and typhoid, the local doctor (Soumitra Chatterjee) persuades the newspaper editor (Dipanka Dey) to print an article publicising the danger. However a combination of religious prejudice and greedy business interests frustrate the doctor's efforts and he is branded "an enemy of the people". In Hindi with English subtitles

11.50 On the Other Hand: Does the Family Drive You Mad? Shekar Kapur hosts a discussion on mental illness, a taboo subject in the Asian community, and explores the traditional healing offered as an alternative to Western psychiatry

12.50am Australian Rules Football. The main game is Carlton v Collingwood. Plus Footscray v Sydney Swans. Ends at 1.50

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Riders Cove 6.30 The Flying Kiwi 7.00 Fun Factory 11.00 Danger Bay 11.30 She Na Na 12.00 Beyond 2000 1.00pm Combat 2.00 WWF Wrestling Challenge 3.00 Monkey 4.00 Big Hawaii 5.00 The Magician 6.00 Parker Lewis Can't Lose 6.30 The Addams Family 7.00 TJ Hooker 8.00 Unsolved Mysteries 9.00 Cops 9.30 Superstars of Wrestling 10.30 Freddy's Nightmares 11.30 The Last Laugh 12.00 Film: SOS Titanic 2.00am Pages from Skytext

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SKY MOVIES+

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Showcase
7.40 Entertainment Tonight
8.00 Hard Travelling (1985): A man suffering a mental illness falls in love with a beautiful widow. Stars J E Freeman
10.00 Return From The River Kwai (1988): An American pilot teams up with British guerrillas to rescue POWs interned in a Japanese camp. Stars Edward Fox
12.00 King Kong Lives (1986): Kong is given a heart transplant after his tall and sets out to find a soul mate. Stars Brian Kerwin
2.00pm Time Bandits (1981): Fantasy comedy about a group of time-travelling dwarf robbers. Starring John Cleese, Sean Connery, Shelley Duvall; directed by Terry Gilliam
4.00 Ghost Chase (1988): A young boy teams up with a ghost he finds in an antique clock to outwit a Hollywood film mogul
5.40 Entertainment Tonight
6.00 Earth Girls Are Easy (1989): Whacky tale about a trio of multi-coloured aliens land in Geena Davis's LA swimming pool. Stars Jeff Goldblum
8.00 Major League (1989): Charlie Sheen and Tom Berenger star in a sporting comedy following the fortunes of a team of inept baseball players who hit an unexpected winning streak
10.00 China O'Brien (1989): Cynthia Rothrock stars as the tough policewoman whouses her martial arts skills to assist her
11.30 Emanuelle IV (1984): Emanuelle has plastic surgery in order to escape from a former lover in this steamy drama. Stars Sylvia Kristel and Mie Nygren
1.00am Young Guns (1988): Emilio Estevez and Kiefer Sutherland are part of a band of brat-pack outlaws roaming the Old West for action
2.45 Friday The 13th (1979): Horror tale about a group of teenagers who fall prey to a sadistic murderer while staying at a deserted summer camp. With Kevin Bacon
4.20-5.55am Cops Are Robbers (1990): True-life crime drama about a daring bank heist that nets the robbers $25 million. But subsequent events threaten to incriminate the team Stars Ed Asner

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.15am Sea Devils (1953): A fisherman-turned-smuggler falls for a beautiful French spy. Stars Rock Hudson and Yvonne De Carlo
8.15 The Men (1950): The story of the hardships faced by the paraplegic veterans of the second world war. With Marlon Brando
10.15 Champion (1949): An unscrupulous boxer punches his way to the top, with little regard for the people in his life. Stars Kirk Douglas
12.15 Transylvania 6-5000 (1985): Jeff Goldblum and Ed Begley Jr bumble their way through a horror spoof about two modern-day vampire hunters in Transylvania
2.15 The Kentuckian (1955): Family Western about a cowboy who travels to Texas with his son to start a new life. Stars Burt Lancaster
4.15 Max And Helen (1990): True-life story of a couple who are reunited against all odds after having been separated during the second world war. With Treat Williams, Alice Krige and Martin Landau
6.15 Bloodsport (1990): Ian McShane and Carolyn Dunn star in a fast-paced thriller about a private eye hired to search for a missing racehorse
8.15 Child's Play (1988): Bizarre horror yarn in which a small doll is possessed by the spirit of a serial murderer and goes on a killing rampage
9.50 Spotlight
10.15 New York Stories (1989): A triptych of short stories about life in New York. Directed by Martin Scorsese, Francis Ford Coppola and Woody Allen
12.20 A Nightmare On Elm Street 4: The Dream Master (1988): The incorrigible Freddy encounters a teenage girl with powers equal to his own. Stars Robert Englund
1.55 The Front (1976): Woody Allen stars as a screenwriter caught up in the Fifties Communist witch-hunts
3.30-5am Deadly Care (1987): Harrowing story of a nurse who turns to drugs when the pressures of work become too much. Stars Cheryl Ladd

SKY SPORTS

● Via the Astra and the Marcopolo satellites.
9.00am Isle Of Man TT Races 9.30 American Football Magazine 11.30 Australian Rugby League 1.30pm Beckenham Tennis Tournament — Live 6.00 Kick Boxing 7.00 Red Line 8.00 Test Match Cricket 10.00 Ringside 12.00 Beckenham Tennis

SCREENSPORT

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8.00am US Grand Prix Show Jumping 9.00 Tenpin Bowling 10.00 Motor Sport Nascar 11.00 Fastnation Motor Sport 12.00 IAAF Athletics Grand Prix 2.00pm Powersports 3.00 Argentina Football 4.00 Volvo PGA Golf — Live 6.00 NBA Basketball 8.00 Live Pro Boxing 10.00 Triple Crown Horse Racing — Live 10.45 US PGA Golf 3.00am Coupe D'Europe Supermotard 3.30 US PGA Golf 5.30 Tenpin Bowling 6.30 Surfing

LIFESTYLE

● Via the Astra satellite.
12.00 Annie Oakley 12.30pm The Bill Dana Show 1.00 The Joan Rivers Show 1.55 The Detectives 2.50 Spain Holiday 3.05 Roller Derby 4.00 The Sell-A-Vision Shopping Programme 8.00 Close 10.00 Satellite Jukebox

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BORDER

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 The Munsters Today 5.15-6.15 The A-Team 11.10 Film: The Mackintosh Man 1.00 Kojak 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 CinemAttractions 4.30 America's Top Ten 5.00 to 5.30 Cheyenne Frontier Days Rodeo

CENTRAL

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Australian Candid Camera 1.10 World Sport Special 1.40-2.45 Film: The Man Who Liked Funerals 5.15-6.15 The A-Team 11.10 Film: The Mackintosh Man 1.00am Friday the 13th — The Series 1.55 Film: Daddy's Gone A-Hunting 3.55 CinemAttractions 4.25 America's Top Ten 4.55-5.30 Central Jobfinder '91

GRAMPIAN

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GRANADA

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HTV WEST

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SCOTTISH

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TSW

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 The South West Week 11.10 Film: The Mackintosh Man 1.00am Kojak 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 CinemAttractions 4.30 America's Top Ten 5.00 to 5.30 Sports Action

TVS

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ULSTER

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YORKSHIRE

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Karts and Dog 1.40-2.45 The Toyota Bramham International Three Day Event 5.15-6.15 The A-Team 11.10 Film: The Mackintosh Man 1.00am The Comedy Store 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 Special Squad 4.50 Superboy 5.15-5.30 The Best in Football

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RTE 1

Starts: 11.25am Satellite City 11.30 Dudetales 11.55 Batman 12.20 Storybook International 12.40 Heydaze 1.15 CHiPs 2.05 News followed by Help Wanted: Kids 3.00 Beyond 2000 3.45 Film: Romance on the High Seas 5.30 Family Ties 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 News 6.15 Highway to Heaven 7.05 Star Trek: The Next Generation 8.00 Daniel O'Donnell 9.00 News 9.20 Dallas 11.00 No More Dying Then 11.55 News 12.00 Close

NETWORK 2

Starts: 12.15pm Oriaechtas Report 12.35 News 12.40 Sports Stadium 5.30 Seachtain 6.55 Nuacht 7.00 Design 8.00 News 8.10 All the Rivers Run 9.05 Austin Clarke 9.30 The 1991 World Music Awards 11.00 Film: Boggyfootism USA 12.45am Close



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FM Stereo. 4.00am The Early Show 6.00 Graham Knight 7.45 Dear Radio 2 8.05 Russ Conway with Sounds of the Fifties 9.00 Brian Matthew with Sounds of the Sixties 10.00 Anne Robinson 12.00 Gerald Harper 1.30pm Someone and the Grumbleweeds 2.00 Encore with Dave Gelly 3.00 Country Greats in Concert. George Hamilton IV introduces Johnny Paycheck 4.00 The John Dunn Interviews. John Dunn talks to Kenyan conservationist Kuki Gallman 4.30 Music While You Work 5.00 Cinema 2 5.30 The Law Game. Shew Taylor asks Bob Downe, Nerys Hughes and Denise Coffey to give their verdicts on some puzzling points of law 6.00 Things Are Swinging. The BBC Big Band, directed by Barry Forgie with guest singer Sandra King, play the music of Harry James, Stan Kenton and Glen Miller 7.00 Pop Score 7.30 An Evening With Cole Porter: Ned Sherrin presents an evening of Cole Porter's music from the Royal Festival Hall 9.30 Easy Does It 10.00 The Radio 2 Arts Programme 12.05am It's a Funny Business 12.35 Night Ride with Geoff Oxley 3.00 A Little Night Music

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service: World News and 24 Hours 6.30 Morning Edition, incl News & Sport at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 9.00 On Your Marks, incl News and Sport at 9.00, 10.00 and 11.00 12.00 News and Sport; Sport on 4 Plus 1 12.30pm Sportscall: Phone-in quiz with Simon Potter: 0345 909693 1.30 Sport On 5 with Jon Inverdale. Cricket: reports from the third day's play of the first Test between England and the West Indies at Headingley; scoreboards from the Britannic Assurance County Championship. Racing from Epsom: 2.15 Acorn Stakes. 3.15 Ebbisham Stakes 4.05 Gold Seal Oaks. Tennis: women's final of the French Open in Paris. Athletics: Pearl Assurance Championships from Cardiff. Plus golf, cycling and motorcycling news 6.25 As Radio 4 7.10 Cricket Scoreboard 7.15 Talking Poetry: Weather 7.45 As Radio 4 10.00 Sport 10.15 As Radio 4 11.00 Sport 11.15 Fanshawe on Five 12.00 News & Sport 12.15am Close

WORLD SERVICE

5.30am The World Today 5.45 News headlines in English and French 5.47 British Press Review 5.52 World Business Report 5.57 Travel and Weather News 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Londres Matin 6.59 Weather 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 Meridian 8.00 News 8.09 24 Hours; News Summary 8.30 From the Weeklies 8.45 Master Singers 9.00 News 9.09 Words of Faith 9.15 A Jolly Good Show 10.00 News 10.05 Waveguide 10.15 Worldbrief 10.30 Personal View 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News Summary 11.15 Club 648 11.30 Londres Midi 11.45 Mittagsmagazin 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30pm Meridian 1.00 News 1.09 News About Britain 1.15 Multitrack 3 1.45 Sports Roundup 2.00 Newshour 3.00 News Summary 3.01 Sportsworld 4.00 News 4.15 BBC English 4.30 News and Features in German 4.59 Travel News 5.00 World and British News 5.15 BBC English 5.30 Londres Soir 6.14 Letter From America 6.29 News Summary 7.00 German features 7.54 News in German 8.00 News 8.05 Write On... 8.15 Londres Dernière 8.30 Club 648 8.45 From the Weeklies 9.00 News 9.09 Personal View 9.25 Words of Faith 9.30 Meridian 10.00 Newshour 11.00 News 11.05 Short Story: Rumki 11.20 Jazz for the Asking 11.50 Sports Roundup 12.00 World News 12.05pm Words of Faith 12.10 Book Choice 12.15 A Jolly Good Show 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 The Ken Bruce Show 2.00 News Summary 2.01 Play of the Week: Mr & Mrs Nobody 3.00 Newsdesk 3.30 A Portrait of James Joyce 4.00 News 4.09 News About Britain 4.15 From Our Own Correspondent 4.35 Write On... 4.45 News and features in German

RADIO 3

6.35-6.55am (FM only) Open University
6.55 Weather; News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Elgar (Overture, In the South: Bournemouth SO under Silvestri); Poulenc (Melancolie: André Previn, piano)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Bach (Coffee Cantata, BWV 211: Linda Consort, Rosmarie Hofmann, soprano, Guy de Mey, tenor, Gregory Reinhart, bass); Copland (Music for Movies: London Sinfonietta under Howarth); Shostakovich (Prelude and Fugue No 10: Tatiana Nikolayeva, piano)
8.30 News
8.35 BBC Scottish SO under Takuo Yuasa performs Schubert (Symphony No 9)
9.30 (FM only from 10.55) Saturday Review, with Richard Osborne. Record Review, Building a Library: Messiaen's La Nativité by Roger Nichols. Alan Blyth reviews new discs of German and French song. Record Release: Schumann (Myrthen, excerpts: Peter Schreier, tenor, Christoph Eschenbach, piano); Alain (Three pieces: Thomas Trotter, organ); Mendelssohn (Piano Quartet No 3 in B minor, Op 3: Domus); Bach (Toccata in F, BWV 540: George Thalben-Ball, organ); Fauré (Soir: Pleurs d'or), Messiaen (La Mort du nombre: Ann Murray, soprano, Philip Langridge, tenor, Andrew Watkinson, violin, Roger Vignoles, piano); Sibelius (Symphony No 5: San Francisco SO under Blomstedt)
10.55-6.30pm (MW only) Test Match Special: First Test, England v West Indies, third day at Headingley 1.05 News 1.10 A View from the Boundary 1.30 County scoreboard 1.40-6.30 Commentary
12.55 (FM only) Words
1.00 (FM only) News
1.05 (FM only) Richard Goode, piano, performs Brahms (Four Pieces, Op 119); Schubert (Sonata in A, D959) (r)
2.15 (FM only) Prokofiev Festival (new series): The first of four programmes. BBC Philharmonic under Edward Downes, with Nikolai Demidenko, piano, performs: Prokofiev (Symphony No 1 in D, Classical: Piano Concerto No 1 in D flat); 2.50-2.55 Interval Reading: Symphony No 2 in D minor
3.35 (FM only) Renaissance Fantasies: William Byrd (Fantasia a 5: Fretwork); Vaughan Williams (Phantasy Quintet: Music Group of London)
4.00 (FM only) Tuning Up: Derek Lee Ragin, counter-tenor, Julius Drake, piano. The counter-tenor voice is usually associated with early music. But Derek Lee Ragin's repertoire is much wider, taking in music by composers as diverse as Bellini and Berber and Handel
5.00 (FM only) Jazz Record Requests
5.40 (FM only) Stravinsky Conducts Himself: Columbia Jazz Ensemble plays Preludium; Columbia Chamber Ensemble plays Concertino for 12 instruments
6.10 (FM only until 6.30) Così fan tutte: The new Glyndebourne Festival production of Mozart's opera, directed by Trevor Nunn (sung in Italian); Glyndebourne Chorus, Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment under Simon Rattle; with Kurt Streit, tenor, as Ferrando, Jake Gardner, baritone, as Guglielmo; Claudio Desderi, bass, as Don Alfonso; Amanda Roocroft, soprano, as Fiordiligi; Suzanne Johnston, mezzo, as Dorabella; and Gianna Rolandi, soprano, as Despina; Act I recorded earlier this evening; 7.55-8.10 Sir George Christie, chairman of Glyndebourne Productions Ltd, talks to Antony Peattie about the plans for a new opera house at Glyndebourne; Act II, live from Glyndebourne
9.55 Third Opinion, with Christopher Cook. Reviews of Harrison Birtwistle's opera, Gawain; Seeing Things by the poet Seamus Heaney; and an exhibition of photographs by Lee Friedlander
10.40 Françaix and Poulenc: Françaix (Hommage à l'ami Papageno); Poulenc, arr Françaix (Mus

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7.10 Open University: Interpersonal Communication 7.35 The Selling of the New Deal 8.00 Physical Chemistry: Ammonia Synthesis 8.25 Maths Methods — Catenary Approximation. Ends at 8.50
8.55 Playdays (r) 9.15 Movable Feasts. Children's multi-faith series (r)
9.30 This is the Day: Live from Rickmansworth. Phyllis Thompson chats to Mark Snell and his team of friends who work at bridging the gap for the mentally handicapped between life in institutional care and in the community. (Ceefax)
10.00 Country File. John Craven examines modern farming and rural issues, and launches the annual *Country File/Radio Times* photographic competition 10.25 Weather
10.30 See Hear!: A Romanian Love Story. British-made documentary about a trans-continental romance between a Bristol lorry driver and a deaf Romanian woman. Presented by Jeni Major, sister of the groom and herself a hearing-impaired person. With sign language subtitles
10.55 Cricket: First Test. Tony Lewis introduces live coverage of the fourth day's play in the game at Headingley between England and West Indies
1.00 News followed by On the Record. Jonathan Dimbleby asks John Edmonds from the GMB what relationship he hopes for between a Labour government and the unions. Plus the fight over Eric Heffer's legacy in the Walton constituency
2.00 EastEnders. Omnibus edition (r). (Ceefax)
3.00 Dallas. Seminal soap about the Ewing family. (Ceefax)
3.45 Film: Mister Roberts (1955). Boisterous, rambling comedy about the crew of a supply ship hankering for a piece of South Pacific action during the second world war. The cast is colourful and varied, including Henry Fonda, James Cagney, Jack Lemmon (who won the Oscar for best supporting actor) and, in his last film, William Powell. Started by John Ford and completed by Mervyn Le Roy
5.40 Foghorn Leghorn Double Bill
5.55 Masterchef. Loyd Grossman invites Glenys Kinnock and Padstow seafood restaurateur Rick Stein to sample the offerings of three culinary competitors from the southwest of England. (Ceefax)
6.25 News with Moira Stuart. Weather



Ancient and modern: Thora Hird's popular tunes (6.40pm)

6.40 Praise Be! Thora Hird presents the first of a new series of favourite hymns. (Ceefax)
7.15 Butterflies. Carla Lane's endearing portrait of a housewife (Wendy Craig) going through the mid-life crisis. With Geoffrey Palmer and Nicholas Lyndhurst. (r). (Ceefax)
7.45 All Creatures Great and Small: Brotherly Love. An extended episode of the veterinary series set in Yorkshire and starring Christopher Timothy, Robert Hardy and Peter Davison (r). (Ceefax)
9.15 News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Weather
9.30 That's Life! Consumer affairs series presented by Esther Rantzen
10.10 Everyman: Visa 494.
● CHOICE: At the Sudanese embassy in London relief workers applying for visas are issued with raffle tickets. The successful holder of ticket 494 is Milk-Aid, an organisation formed by a group of British farmers to help ease the African famine. Beth Holgate's film follows Milk-Aid's progress from a farmyard in Dorset to the Sudanese desert. One of its workers, John Northridge, reflects that while human ingenuity can organise a Gulf war in a matter of weeks, it seems unable to mount an effective operation on humanitarian aid. Given the political complications of the relief business, a point well illustrated in the film, waging a war may actually be simpler. But, says Northridge, it is no good getting angry, particularly when you are working in the host country. Let your frustrations boil over and the good work of two years can be undone in two minutes
10.50 The Days and Nights of Molly Dodd. Being fortysomething (or even older) seems to be more dramaworthy than any other age, even in the youth-and-beauty-obsessed United States. When her creative writing ability is criticised, Molly (Blair Brown) is thrown into a neurosis which sees her take delivery of a dishwasher instead of an oven, and contemplate going back to her former husband. Northern Ireland: The Championship
11.15 Walk the Talk. Series on how to become a better manager
11.40 Mahabharat. Episode 50 of the Indian epic in 93 parts (r). Northern Ireland: Walk The Talk 12.05am-12.45 Mahabarat
12.20am Weather

BBC 2

6.35 Open University. Nuclear Weapons — Crisis Management 7.00 Women and Organisations 7.25 Calculus — Behaviour of Functions 7.50 From Child to Pupil 8.15 Working for Love 8.40 Photochemistry — Vision 9.05 Engineering Mechanics — Solids 9.30 Money Grows on Trees 9.55 Arts — The Great Exhibition 10.20 Nutrition and Digestion 10.45 Maths — Volumes of Revolution 11.10 Open Forum Magazine — News and Views on Education and the OU 11.35 Man-Made Macromolecules
12.00 Regional Parliamentary programmes
12.30 Scrutiny. Iain MacWhirter looks at parliamentary committees (Ceefax)
1.00 Open University. An Introduction to Psychology — Personnel Selection
1.25 Sunday Grandstand introduced by Bob Wilson. The line-up is (subject to alteration): 1.30 and 4.40 Cricket: live coverage of the fourth day's play in the first Test at Headingley between England and West Indies; 3.40 Tennis: the men's singles final of the French open championships. The commentators are Dan Maskell and Mark Cox
6.35 The Money Programme. News from the world of business, finance and economics with a report from Rory Cellan Jones on the the battle for the lucrative world aircraft market
7.15 Great Journeys: Silver Track Bolivia. Singer/composer Billy Bragg and DJ Andy Kershaw make up a chirpy double-act to explore the 17th-century route used to carry silver from the Bolivian city of Potosi through Chile to the Pacific Ocean. They focus on the musical history of the area and meet the Bolivian music group Rumillajta, famous for their charango and pan pipe playing (r). (Ceefax)
8.15 Relative Values: Altered States. A programme looking at the relationship between art and power and, at the time of a powerful and abundant Japanese yen, tracing the movement of European art towards the East. The Americans, as ever, buy huge quantities of art from economically less-advantaged countries and collector John Fulling is shown on a buying expedition to Haiti. Spain is trying to retrieve much of its 20th century artistic heritage and its recent capture of the much sought-after Thyssen collection is seen as a step in the right direction
9.05 Building Sights: County Arcade, Leeds. Alan Bennett turns his amused eye on an impressive shopping arcade in his native Leeds. Built by architect Frank Matcham in 1900, the Victorian Quarter has recently been restored and brings back many pleasant memories for the playwright (r)
9.15 Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy. Stylish, impeccably acted and virtually incomprehensible adaptation of the spy novel by John Le Carré. George Smiley's search for the traitor at the heart of the "Circus" leads him to quiz Prideaux (Ian Bannen) about his interrogation by the Russians and his subsequent return to Britain. Smiley also pays a visit to Fleet Street for a rendezvous with journalist Jerry Westerby (Joss Ackland). (Ceefax)



Nightmare ahead: Jeff Daniels and Melanie Griffith (10.00pm)

10.00 Moviedrome. Alex Cox introduces Something Wild (1986).
● CHOICE: With controversy nicely simmering around Jonathan Demme's latest film, *The Silence of the Lambs*, it is a good time to revive his earlier piece and check out its cult status. *Something Wild* lives up to its name, combining elements of two Hollywood staples, the screwball comedy and the horror film, and giving them an Eighties twist. The homage to cinema history extends to the Melanie Griffith character, who is called Lulu and evokes the silent star Louise Brooks. Griffith's role is to entice a young stock market dealer (Jeff Daniels) into a series of frantic and lurid adventures which shatter his respectable facade. Demme's direction sets out to disconcert the audience with abrupt changes of pace and mood, infusions of surreal and mordant humour and nods towards the sexploitation films on which he cut his teeth. *Something Wild* is calculated to offend or delight, according to taste. (Ceefax)
11.50 Cricket. Highlights of the fourth day's play in the England v West Indies game at Headingley
12.20am DEF II: Dance Energy II presented by Normski. Featuring Rebel MC, PM Dawn and Yo Yo (r). Ends at 1.00

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6.00 TV-am. Includes, at 8.00, Frost on Sunday. Among the guests is Chris Patten, chairman of the Conservative party. Reviewing the newspapers are Sir Bernard Ingham and Eve Pollard
9.25 Film: Rock 'n' Roll Mom (1988). Wish-fulfilment from Walt Disney in this first of a two-part comedy-drama about Annie Hackett (Dyan Cannon), a mother of two teenagers who leads a mundane existence until she becomes a rock star. Directed by Michael Schultz
10.20 The Littlest Hobo: The Balloonist. Children's drama series
10.45 Link. The series for the handicapped focuses on the treatment of the disabled in the United States. Presented by Peter White
11.00 Morning Worship from St Peter and St Mary Magdalene church in Fordham, Cambridgeshire
12.00 Working Miracles: Servant of God. Series which looks at people who believe that they have been cured by divine intervention. Injured at work, Alice Jones was housebound until she encountered Padre Pio, a "living saint"
12.30 LWT News Weekend examines government subsidies for the tube and British Rail and assesses the state of the Channel tunnel project
1.00 News with Nicholas Owen. Weather
1.10 International Rugby Union. New Zealand's All Blacks face the Romanians at Eden Park in Auckland. Followed by The Day
2.10 Charlie's Angels: Pretty Angels All in a Row. Return of the girls' own series about three private investigators. Kris (Cheryl Ladd) and Kelly (Jaclyn Smith) enter a beauty contest to find out who is trying to steal first prize. With Kate Jackson (r)
3.05 Golf: The Murphy's Cup. Final round action from Fulford, York
6.00 Bullseye. Jim Bowen hosts the darts and general knowledge game
6.30 News with Nicholas Owen. Weather 6.35 LWT News and weather
6.40 Appeal by Sue Cook on behalf of Turning Point, a charity that helps individuals and families cope with the problems of drink, drugs and mental illness
6.45 Day Out with Dana. Irish singer Dana goes to Dublin where she meets radio disc-jockey Father Michael Cleary, gospel singer and song-writer Ronan Johnston, singer Mary O'Hara and actor Mark Lenaghan
7.15 The Help Squad. Advice and investigations series presented by Michael Parkinson, Annabel Giles, Chris Donat and Mike Hayley



Harsh times: Sean Bean plays Dominic O'Brien (7.50pm)

7.50 Catherine Cookson's The Fifteen Streets. John O'Brien (Owen Teale) is the oldest son of a family renowned for its drinking and brawling. It is 1910 and life in the northeast is harsh for the residents of the Fifteen Streets. Then John meets Mary Llewellyn (Clare Holman), his sister Kate's schoolteacher, and falls in love with her. But what chance does a docker have with the daughter of the local shipyard owner? With Ian Bannen and Billie Whitelaw (r). (Teletext)
9.50 News with Nicholas Owen. Weather 10.05 LWT Weather
10.10 Aspel Meets Paul Newman. Michael Aspel talks to the celebrated actor about his life and career
10.55 Summer on the Estate. The first of six programmes following the tenants of the Kingshold Estate in Hackney throughout the summer of 1990. Tonight's programme includes the attempts by the tenants to have asbestos removed from the tower blocks, the police evicting squatters and an anti-poll tax lobby that ends in tragedy. Followed by The Day
11.40 The ITV Chart Show (r)
12.40am New Music. Rock and pop magazine
1.40 Derrick. German police drama starring Horst Tappert
2.50 Pick of the Week. Highlights of regional television
3.20 Film: I Married Wyatt Earp (1983). A biopic of singer and actress Josephine Marcus, tailored for the (limited) talents of Marie Osmond and made by the Osmond family's production company. What might have been an interesting story — Marcus joined a Wild West travelling opera company at the age of 19, ran into Marshall Wyatt Earp in Tombstone, Arizona, and became involved in a love triangle with Earp's rival, Sheriff John Behan — is reduced to television movie blandness. With Bruce Boxleitner and Jeffrey De Munn. Directed by Michael O'Herlihy
5.00 Adventure. Video collage of adventurous types
5.30 ITN Morning News. Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Trans World Sport (r) 7.00 Eureeka's Castle 7.30 Foofur 8.00 Shark and George 8.30 Betty's Bunch. New Zealand-made drama serial 8.55 The California Raisin Show
9.25 Malgudi Days. Drama serial in Hindi with English subtitles
10.00 A Week in Politics — Second Reading. Includes a film report on Nicholas Ridley, MP, speaking to the Bruges Group about the future of the European Community
10.45 Dennis 11.00 The Beverly Hillbillies (b/w) The Clampett family return to wreak havoc in chic Beverly Hills 11.30 The Lone Ranger (b/w). Vintage western series starring Clayton Moore 12.00 The Waltons. Another warm-hearted tale of the Appalachian mountain family during the depression years 1.00 Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea (b/w). Vintage American science-fiction set beneath the oceans
2.00 Island of Bears. The threat to Alaska's coastal bear population (r)
2.30 Athletics: The Pearl Assurance UK Championships from Leckwith Stadium, Cardiff
3.55 Without Walls: J'accuse Virginia Woolf. Academic and poet Tom Paulin challenges Virginia Woolf's reputation as one of the most significant modernist writers and accuses her of racism and anti-semitism (r)
4.25 Pursuit of Power. Adam Raphael talks to Labour MP and lawyer Paul Boateng about his personal beliefs and values
4.55 News summary and weather
5.00 To Hell With the Devil. A documentary about the Los Angeles-based heavy metal rock band Stryper who became Christians in 1983 and have subsequently transformed the religious music scene in the United States
6.00 Kabaddi Semi-Final: Punjab v Tamil Nadu. The second semi-final that will decide which team faces West Bengal in the final
6.30 The Wonder Years. American series about growing up in the Sixties
7.00 Fragile Earth: Safari.
● CHOICE: The tourism versus conservation dilemma is nowhere more acute than in Kenya. The country wants the visitors, which are now its biggest source of foreign revenue. But are they turning the country into a giant theme park? Richard Keeffe's film follows a group of British holidaymakers on a wildlife safari. Relishing the chance to see lions, elephants and giraffes in their natural habitat, the Brits start to wonder whether the Masai Mara game reserve is only a zoo on a bigger scale. At the height of the holiday season 30 or 40 buses can be found crowding round a single animal. Pushed off their land when the game park was set up, the Masai people resign themselves to being part of the safari trail and greet the tourists with racks of souvenirs. On the Mombasa coast new hotels are going up at the rate of ten a year and the tourists affront the local Muslims with their scanty bathing costumes. (Teletext)
8.00 Hard News. Includes an item on how cases involving doctors' misconduct are treated in the press



Still life: John Kavanagh and Brenda Fricker (8.30pm)

8.30 The Ballroom of Romance.
● CHOICE: Another trawl in the BBC's drama archives produces this evocative William Trevor piece about a rural Irish community in the Fifties. The Ballroom of Romance is a shabby dance hall in the middle of nowhere which comes alive on Friday nights when the lonely and the unattached gather to exchange hopes and memories. Approaching middle age, Bridie (Brenda Fricker) has been coming since she was 16. She lives with her ailing dad and could do with another pair of hands on the farm. She could also do with a husband, but the best men tend to uproot and go to England. The director, Pat O'Connor, deliberately slows the pace to dwell on character and setting and bring out the wry fatalism of an ossified society. Years before her Oscar (the piece dates from 1982) Fricker's talent is plain to see and there is a skilfully low-key performance from Cyril Cusack as the ballroom manager (r)
9.30 Go Fishing. In this first programme of a new series angler John Wilson visits Gambia in West Africa looking for shark and catfish
10.00 G.B.H.: It Couldn't Happen Here. A repeat of the first episode of Alan Bleasdale's cracking new drama serial (r)
11.40 Hollywood Legends: Grace Kelly — The American Princess. A profile of the actress who became Princess Grace of Monaco (r)
12.40am Animation. Three cartoons from the US, Canada and Hungary. Ends at 1.05

ITV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Farming Diary 2.05 Members Only 2.35-3.05 The River Thames 6.00-6.30 Heirloom 10.55 Who Cares? 11.55 The New Avengers 12.55 Soap 1.25 CinemAttractions 1.55 Film: Take It Easy 3.35 Vivid 4.05 Top Ten, 4.35-5.30 Silk Road

BORDER
As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time 2.05-3.05 Highway to Heaven 6.00-6.30 The Munro Show 10.55 Prisoner: Cell Block H 11.50 Alfred Hitchcock 12.20 Quiz Night 12.50 The Allen Years 1.45 Patter Merchants 2.15 Film: Passionate Summer 4.10 Chart Show 5.00-5.30 Jobs

CENTRAL
As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time 2.05 The Life and Times of Grizzly Adams 3.00 Film: The Hasty Heart 5.05 Hard Time on Planet Earth 6.00-6.30 The Munsters Today 10.55 Film: Perfect Friday 12.40am Prisoner: Cell Block H 1.35 The ITV Chart Show 2.35 Film: Don't Drink the Water 4.25-5.30 Central Jobfinder '91

GRANADA
As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Dog Days 2.05 Santa Barbara 3.00 Film: Valley of Mystery 4.50 Cartoon Time 5.05 Bullseye 5.35-6.30 Coronation Street 10.55 Prisoner: Cell Block H 11.50 Married...with Children 12.20 Quiz Night 12.45 The Allen Years 1.45 Patter Merchants 2.15 Film: Passionate Summer 4.10 The ITV Chart Show 5.00-5.30 Jobfinder

HTV WEST
As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Clive's Characters 1.10 Saludos Amigos 2.00 People on Sunday 2.30 HTV Newsweek 3.00 International Rugby Union: New Zealand v Australia 3.55 Golf: The Murphy's Cup 6.00-6.30 The River Thames 10.55 Great British Isles 11.25 Ski with Klammer 11.40 The ITV Chart Show 12.40 New Music 1.40 Derrick 2.50 Pick of the Week 3.20 Film: I Married Wyatt Earp 5.00-5.30 Adventure

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 12.30pm-1.00 Survival — The First 30 Years 2.00 Farming Wales 2.30-3.00 Wales on Sunday

TSW
As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 TSW Farming Week 2.05 Coronation Street 3.00 Off the Hook! 3.30 Golf: The Murphy's Cup 6.00 The TSW Documentary: Enchanted Places 10.55 In the Heat of the Night 11.50 Some Call It Jazz 12.20 Quiz Night 12.45 The Allen Years 1.45 Patter Merchants 2.15 Film: Passionate Summer 4.10 The ITV Chart Show 5.00-5.30 TSW Jobfinder

TVS
As London except: 12.30-1.00 TVS News followed by Agenda 2.05 Horse Trials 5.00-5.30 Tell the Truth 10.55 Sacred Music of Soweto 11.30 The Human Factor 12.00 Police Precinct 1.00 The ITV Chart Show 2.00 Film: Hit List 3.40 Pick of the Week 4.10 The Hit Man and Her 5.00-5.30 A Taste of the South

TYNE TEES
As London except: 12.25pm Jack Thompson Down Under 2.05-3.05 Highway to Heaven 5.35-6.30 Coronation Street 10.55 Prisoner: Cell Block H 11.50 Hooperman 12.20 Quiz Night 12.45 The Allen Years 1.45 Patter Merchants 2.15 Film: Passionate Summer 4.10 The ITV Chart Show 5.00-5.30 Jobfinder

ULSTER
As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time 2.00 Race Ireland 2.30 King of the Road 3.00 Isle of Man TT '91 4.00 The Billy Graham Experience 5.05 Bullseye 5.35-6.30 Coronation Street 10.55 Prisoner: Cell Block H 11.50 Some Call It Jazz 12.20am Quiz Night 12.45 The Allen Years 1.45 Patter Merchants 2.15 Film: Passionate Summer 4.10 The ITV Chart Show 5.00-5.30 Jobfinder

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 12.25pm Heidi in the Mountains 12.50-1.00 Calendar News 2.05-3.05 The Toyota Bramham International Three Day Event 6.00-6.30 Coming of Age 10.55 The Toyota Bramham International Three Day Event 11.55 Hoopermen 12.25 Pick of the Week 12.55 The Twilight Zone 1.35 The ITV Chart Show 2.35 Books by my Bedside 3.05 Antoinette 4.05 Rock of Europe 4.35-5.30 Jobfinder

S4C
Starts: 6.00 Trans World Sport 7.00 Eureeka's Castle 7.30 Foofur 8.00 Sharkey and George 8.30 Betty's Bunch 8.55 California Raisin Show 9.25 The Adventures of TinTin 9.30 Listening Eye 10.00 A Week in Politics 10.45 Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea 11.45 The People's Game 12.00 The Waltons 12.55 Now You're Talking 1.20 O Bedwar Ban 1.30 Fragile Earth 2.30 Athletics 91 3.55 Film: My Cousin Rachel* 5.45 Crystal Maze 6.45 San Steffan 7.05 Newyddion 7.10 O Vaughan i Fyrwy 8.00 Hel Straeon 8.30 Gwyl Mozart 9.05 Ar Derfyn Dydd 9.15 Re-Play 9.30 Hard News 10.00 GBH 11.35 Hollywood Legends: Grace Kelly 12.35am Animation 1.05 Diwedd

NETWORK 2
Starts: 8.40am Sesame Street 10.40 Son of the Bshers 11.00 Ulysses 31 11.30 The Beatbox 1.30 Green Fingers 2.00 French Open Tennis Championships 6.30 Grand Ole Opry 6.55 Nuacht 7.00 Made in Latin America 8.00 News 8.10 The Sunday Game 9.40 Playhouse: The Father 11.50 Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 6.00am Bailey's Bird 6.30 Castaway 7.00 Fun Factory 11.00 Eight is Enough 12.00 That's Incredible 1.00pm The New Adventures of Wonder Woman 2.00 WWF Superstars of Wrestling 3.00 Those Amazing Animals 4.00 The Love Boat 5.00 Small Wonder 5.30 Sky Star Search 6.30 The Simpsons 7.00 21 Jump Street 8.00 Aspen — Part One 10.00 Falcon Crest 12.00 Entertainment Tonight 1.00 Pages from Skyfool

SKY NEWS
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. Including News on the hour.
5.00am Sunrise 5.30 Target 9.30 Financial Times Business Weekly 10.30 Holiday Destinations 11.30 Those Were the Days 1.30pm Target 2.30 The World—A TV History 3.30 The Lords 4.30 Those Were the Days 5.00 Live At Five 6.30 Financial Times Business Weekly 7.30 The World — A TV History 8.30 Target 10.30 Financial Times Business Weekly 11.30 The World — A TV History 12.30am Target 1.30 Financial Times Business Weekly 2.30 Those Were the Days 3.30 Holiday Destinations 4.30 Beyond 2000

SKY MOVIES+
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Showcase
7.40 Entertainment Tonight
8.00 Trading Hearts (1988): Raul Julia and Beverly D'Angelo star in a romantic comedy about an ex-baseball star who begins a tentative affair with a single mother by teaming up with her young baseball-loving daughter
10.00 Dead Poets Society (1989): Robin Williams portrays a creative English teacher who has a profound effect on his pupils in Fifties New England. With Robert Sean Leonard, Ethan Hawke and Josh Charles; directed by Peter Weir
12.05 September (1988): Woody Allen and Mia Farrow are caught up in the romantic tension between six guests at a Vermont country house. A fine cast includes Denholm Elliott, Dianne West, Elaine Stritch and Sam Waterston; directed by Allen
2.00 The Lady And The Highwayman (1988): Oliver Reed, Michael York and Emma Samms romp through a lavish tale of lust, treachery and chivalry set during the reign of Charles II; directed by John Haugh
3.35 Great Scenes From Carry On Doctor
4.00 Unholy Matrimony (1988): Patrick Duffy plays a policeman who sets out to foil the perfect crime, concocted by a mail-order religious charlatan and a doctor with a double identity
6.00 Teen Wolf Too (1987): A teenager (Jason Bateman) becomes popular when he turns into a super-athletic, super-cool werewolf, although he soon begins to suffer from an identity crisis
7.40 Projector
8.00 How I Got Into College (1989): A teenage boy (Corey Parker) attempts to be accepted by the same college as his dream girl
10.00 The Abyss (1989): Epic underwater adventure about a crack mining team who encounter an alien life-form on the ocean floor. With Ed Harris, Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio, Michael Biehn, Todd Graff; directed by James Cameron
12.20 Return Of The Living Dead (1985): Comedy-horror about a group of punks who have a nasty experience in a mortuary
2.00 The Devils (1970): A 17th-century priest is accused of being a witch. With Oliver Reed, Vanessa Redgrave, Michael Gothard, Gemma Jones; directed by Ken Russell
4.00-5.40am My Name Is Bill W (1989): James Woods stars as a drunk who turns to Alcoholics Anonymous. With James Garner, JoBeth Weaver; directed by Daniel Petrie

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
8.15am Comanche (1956): A Red Indian tries to end hostilities between his people and white settlers. Stars Dana Andrews
8.15 Operation Petticoat (1959): Lighthearted comedy about a crew who battle to get their crippled submarine back in working order. With Cary Grant and Tony Curtis
10.15 Indiscreet (1958): Cary Grant stars as a wealthy American diplomat who meets and dates a beautiful actress (Ingrid Bergman) in London
12.15pm Kid Galahad (1962): Elvis Presley stars as a boxer who sings, dances and punches his way to glory
2.15 Fletch Lives (1989): Crazy caper in which Chevy Chase plays an over-inquisitive journalist who gets entangled in a complex murder mystery
3.55 Man Of La Mancha (1972): Peter O'Toole stars in the screen version of the musical about a man, his donkey and his penchant for life
6.15 Twins (1988): Arnold Schwarzenegger and Danny DeVito are cast as unlikely twins separated at birth and reunited at the age of 35
8.15 Cousins (1989): Romantic comedy remake of the French classic *Cousin, Cousine*, starring Isabella Rossellini and Ted Danson
10.15 When Harry Met Sally (1989): The story of a love/hate relationship between two university friends starring Billy Crystal and Meg Ryan
11.50 The Island (1980): A reporter (Michael Caine) on assignment in the Caribbean is captured by pirates
1.45 Last Exit To Brooklyn (1989): Jennifer Jason Leigh stars in a powerful drama about life on the streets of Fifties Brooklyn
3.30 The Last Dragon (1985): Kung fu drama set in downtown Harlem

SKY SPORTS
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
9.00am Test Match Cricket: England v West Indies, first Test from Headingley 11.00 Torque 12.00 Us Open '90 Review 1.00 Live Refuge League Cricket 8.00 World Bowl Live 8.30 Test Match Cricket, England v West Indies 10.30 Beckenham Tennis 12.30 Test Match Cricket

SCREENSPORT
● Via the Astra satellite.
7.00am Grand Prix Selling 8.00 Football 10.00 Rallycross 11.00 Triathlon 12.00 USWA Wrestling 1.00 Grand Prix Historique de Paris 2.00 Motor Sports 3.00 Revs 3.30 Speedway 4.30 PGA Golf 6.00 Motor Sport 6.30 Golf 8.30 Basketball 11.00 Motor Sport 12.00 Showjumping

LIFESTYLE
● Via the Astra satellite.
12.00 Annie Oakley 12.30pm The Bill Dana Show 1.00 The Joan Rivers Show 1.55 The Detectives 2.50 Spain International Cuisine 3.05 Roller Derby 4.00 Rocky Jones 4.25 Afternoon Cinema: The Return Of Captive 6.00 The Sell-A-Vision Shopping Programme 8.00 Close 12.00 Satellite Jukebox

MTV
● Via the Astra satellite.
Twenty-four hours of rock and pop

RADIO 3

6.35-6.55am (FM only) Open University
6.55 Weather; News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Handel (Organ Concerto in G minor, Op 41 No 1); Warlock (Serenade for Strings)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Griffes (Poème); Stravinsky (Symphony of Psalms); Haydn (Symphony No 25); Shostakovich (Prelude and Fugue No 21)
8.30 News
8.35 Ayres for the Theatre: H. Purcell (Suite: Abdelazer. Parley of Instruments under Holman and Goodman; Lucinda is Bewitching Fair: Joy Roberts, soprano, Christopher Hogwood, harpsichord; Keyboard Transcriptions: Robert Woolley, harpsichord); Daniel Purcell (Suite, The Unhappy Penitent. Parley of Instruments)
9.15 Dennis Brain: Third of six programmes featuring the horn player. Mozart (Sinfonia Concertante in E flat, K297b); Britten (Serenade for tenor, horn and strings)
10.15 (FM only from 10.55) Music Weekly: Brahms edition, presented by Peter Paul Nash
10.55-6.30pm (MW only) Test Match Special: First Test, England v West Indies, fourth day from Headingley 1.05 News 1.10 To the Island in the Sun (r) 1.35 Refuge Sunday League 1.40-6.30 Commentary
1.00 (FM only) Brahms: North German Radio SO under Günter Wand performs Symphony No 3 in F, Op 68; Symphony No 1 in C minor, Op 68
2.35 (FM only) Tango-Rag-Music: Stravinsky (Tango. Dezso Ranki, piano; Rag-Time: Budapest Chamber Ensemble under Mihály); Milhaud (Two Rag Caprices: Ian Hobson, piano)
2.50 (FM only) Table Talk: Claude Fischler, the French sociologist, visits a British supermarket
1.00 (FM only) News
1.05 (FM only) Your Concert Choice, with Paul Gurney: Smetana (Vltava. Má Vlast: Amsterdam Concertgebouw under Dorati); Gottschalk (Fantasy on the Brazilian National Anthem: Guiomar Novaes, piano); de Bériot (Scène de ballet: Carl Taschke, violin, Leipzig PO under Herbert Kegel); Haydn (Quartet in E flat, Op 20 No 1: Juilliard Quartet); Walton (Troilus and Cressida, excerpt: Richard Lewis, tenor, Elisabeth Schwarzkopf, soprano, Philharmonia under the composer); Wilfred Josephs (Concerto for Brass: London Collegiate Brass under Stobart)
2.30 (FM only) Kantorow-Gifford Duo: Violin and Guitar. Diabelli (Potpourri on Themes of Beethoven); Locatelli, arr Gifford (Sonata in D, Op 6 No 6); Giuliani (Grand Potpourri, Op 126) (r)
3.15 (FM only) A Tribute to Sir Reginald Goodall, the British conductor who died a year ago. English National Opera Orchestra under Mark Elder, live from the Royal Festival Hall, London. A programme of Bach, Wagner and Britten 4.00-4.20 Gordon Stewart considers the life of "A Singer's Conductor"
5.15 (FM only) Opera News
6.00 These I Have Loved: BBC Singers under Simon Joly
7.00 Bach at Weimar: Virginia Black, harpsichord, plays Toccata in G; Toccata in E minor; and Prelude and Fugue in A minor
7.30 Sunday Play: Pearl.
● CHOICE: First broadcast in 1978, and given a second airing tonight in tribute to Alfred Bradley, a prince among radio drama directors, who died earlier this year, John Arden's play is a prelude to the English Civil War. Crudely defined, its plot involves an anti-monarchist conspiracy which, pivotally, engulfs an actress (an astounding performance from Elizabeth Bell), a playwright (David Calder) and an opportunistic patron of the arts (Peter Jeffrey). It is an intellectually uncompromising play which brilliantly interleaves the drama of politics and the politics of drama, and it made history as the first radio play to win a coveted Giles Cooper award
9.25 Chamber Music from Birmingham: Performed by London Winds
11.00 Penderecki conducts a programme of his work
12.00-12.05pm News

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM.
6.00am News; Weather 6.10 Prelude (s) 6.30 News; Morning Has Broken, including Bells on Sunday (s) 6.55 Weather
7.00 News 7.10 Sunday Papers 7.15 On Your Farm: Paul Heiney visits Michael and Victoria Roberts of the Domestic Fowl Trust in Worcestershire
7.40 Sunday, Incl 7.55 Weather; 8.00 News; 8.10 Sunday Papers; 8.50 The Week's Good Cause: Martin Jarvis speaks on behalf of the charity Parents Against Injustice (Pain) 8.55 Weather
9.00 News 9.10 Sunday Papers 9.15 Letter from America, by Alistair Cooke (r)
9.30 Morning Service: From the Church of the Holy Rosary, Gateshead
10.15 The Archers: Omnibus edition
11.15 News Stand
11.30 Pick of the Week, with Chris Serle (s) (r)
12.15pm Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley's guest is Derek Walcott, the Caribbean poet (s) 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World This Weekend 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 Gardeners' Question Time, from north Yorkshire
2.30 Sunday Playhouse: The Debt Collector. Harry Towb's story about the unearthing of a businessman's murky past (s)
3.15 Life with Lederer: Helen Lederer attempts to move house with guests Nigel Carrington, Barbara Dryhurst, Malcolm Raeburn and Sandra Maitland (s) (r)
3.30 The Radio Programme: The birth of radio news
4.00 News; Analysis: To Have and To Have Not. How has the ending of East-West divisions affected the developing nations? (r)
4.47 Rich Pickings: Sun. Rosemary Leach and Michael Fitzgerald read poetry and prose about the weather
5.00 News; Coastline (new series): Cliff Michelmore goes on a coastal journey from the South Gare at the mouth of the River Tees to Whitby, north Yorkshire (s)
5.40 Great Lift Journeys: Stephen Wells stops off at a Victorian hotel in Manchester where an LA heavy metal band have just checked in (s) (r) 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 News; Sports Round-up
6.15 The Village: Triumphs and tragedies of a small Hampshire rural community (r)
6.30 Europhile: Gordon Clough looks behind the headlines in the European papers (r)
7.00 The Root of the Matter: Reports on important matters in Britain's towns, villages and cities
7.30 Bookshelf: The American people: salt of the earth or couch potatoes? Barbara Ehrenreich discusses her collection of provocative essays on US politics and culture; David Hare on contemporary British theatre; and a new thriller by Michael Dibdin. Presented by Nigel Forde (r)
8.00 The Scarman Report: Lord Scarman hears evidence from local politicians, academics, lawyers and members of the public on the kind of police force Britain wants and needs
9.00 News; Treasure Islands: Educationalists discuss how children learn to read and how one can define literacy (r)
9.15 The Natural History Programme: Fergus Keeling on why a handful of golden orioles return to East Anglia each year to breed (r) 9.59 Weather
10.00 News
10.15 Manna to Microwave: Madhur Jaffrey examines how differing culinary cultures have developed, interacted and transformed over 8,000 years. In this first programme, she looks at food and religion (s) (r)
11.00 In Committee: The work of Parliament's select committees
11.30 Seeds of Faith: The Shadow of the Galilean (s)
11.45 Before the Ending of the Day: The late evening Office of Compline (s)
12.00 News 12.20am Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast

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RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Jenny Costello 7.00 The Bruno and Liz Breakfast Show 9.30 Dave Lee Travis 12.30pm Pick of the Pops 2.30 Philip Schofield Going Live 4.30 The Complete UK Top 40, with Mark Goodier 7.00 Anne Nightingale's Request Show 9.00 Andy Kershaw 11.00 John Peel 2.00am Nicola James

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 4.00am David Allen with the Early Show 6.00 Graham Knight 7.30 Don MacLean You 11.00 Radio 2's All-Time Greats 2.00pm Benny Green 3.00 Sounds Easy 4.00 Max With Love 4.30 Sing Something Simple 5.00 Charlie Chester 7.00 Radio 2 Young Musician of the Year 7.30 Stuart Burrows Sings 8.30 Sunday Half-Hour 9.00 Your Hundred Best Tunes 10.00 Old King Cole 12.05am Bob Sinfield: Songs For Swinging Showbiz Stars Part 1 1.00 Night Ride 3.00 A Little Night Music

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service: World News and 24 Hours 6.30 Meridian 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 Sunday Edition 9.00 This Family Business 10.30 Education Matters 11.00 News and Sport; Festivals of Britain: Death or Glory 11.30 When in France 12.00 News and Sport; Open University 12.20pm The Enlightenment: Musical Drama 12.40 The State and Economic Intervention 1.00 News and Sport: Rome: The Work of Agrippa 1.22 Social Science Foundation Course 1.41 Technology: Good, Bad and Appropriate 2.00 Sunday Sport with Jonathan Legard 7.20 Open University: The Faust Legend 7.40 Issues in Information Technology 8.00 Mathematics Miscellany 8.20 Education Bulletin 8.40 The Conquest of Scurvy 9.00 Soundprint 9.30 Dragnet: The Big Missus 10.00 News & Sport 10.10 Across the Line, incl 11.00 Sport 12.00 News and Sport 12.07am Close

WORLD SERVICE

5.30am Short Story: Rumki 5.45 News headlines in English and French 5.47 British Press Review 5.52 World Business 5.57 Travel

Aids caution to families in Romanian adoptions

By THOMSON PRENTICE, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH families are being discouraged from adopting Romanian orphans after a report that some babies are infected with the viruses that cause Aids and hepatitis.

Virginia Bottomley, the health minister, yesterday cautioned against over-emotional responses towards the plight of the orphans, but an Aids charity said the children must be fully protected. Mrs Bottomley's remarks were prompted by a report in today's *British Medical Journal* in which an Oxford doctor gives the results of blood tests on 11 of the children.

Four of the babies had hepatitis B infection, which can lead to liver cancer, three had HIV, and one had had both. "As we do not know the number of Romanian babies adopted in Britain or whether our findings are typical, we cannot estimate the size of this infected group," John Kurtz, a virologist at the John Radcliffe hospital, Oxford, said in the journal. The babies were infected either by their mothers or by being injected by contaminated needles in Romania, Dr Kurtz said.

More than 1,000 Romanian children have developed Aids and unknown numbers of others are infected with HIV.



Thurnham: all Romanian children should be tested

The numbers are due largely to an outmoded Romanian practice in which children deemed as poorly were given blood transfusions. One HIV-infected unit of blood could thus transmit the virus to 50 or more children.

Mrs Bottomley, in an interview on the BBC Radio 4 programme *Today*, said: "We have cautioned time and again against an emotional reaction, racing out to Romania bringing an orphan home without thinking through all the implications." Dr Kurtz's report was a timely warning, she said. "We do need to think very carefully about the state and health of children (for adoption) and the parents.

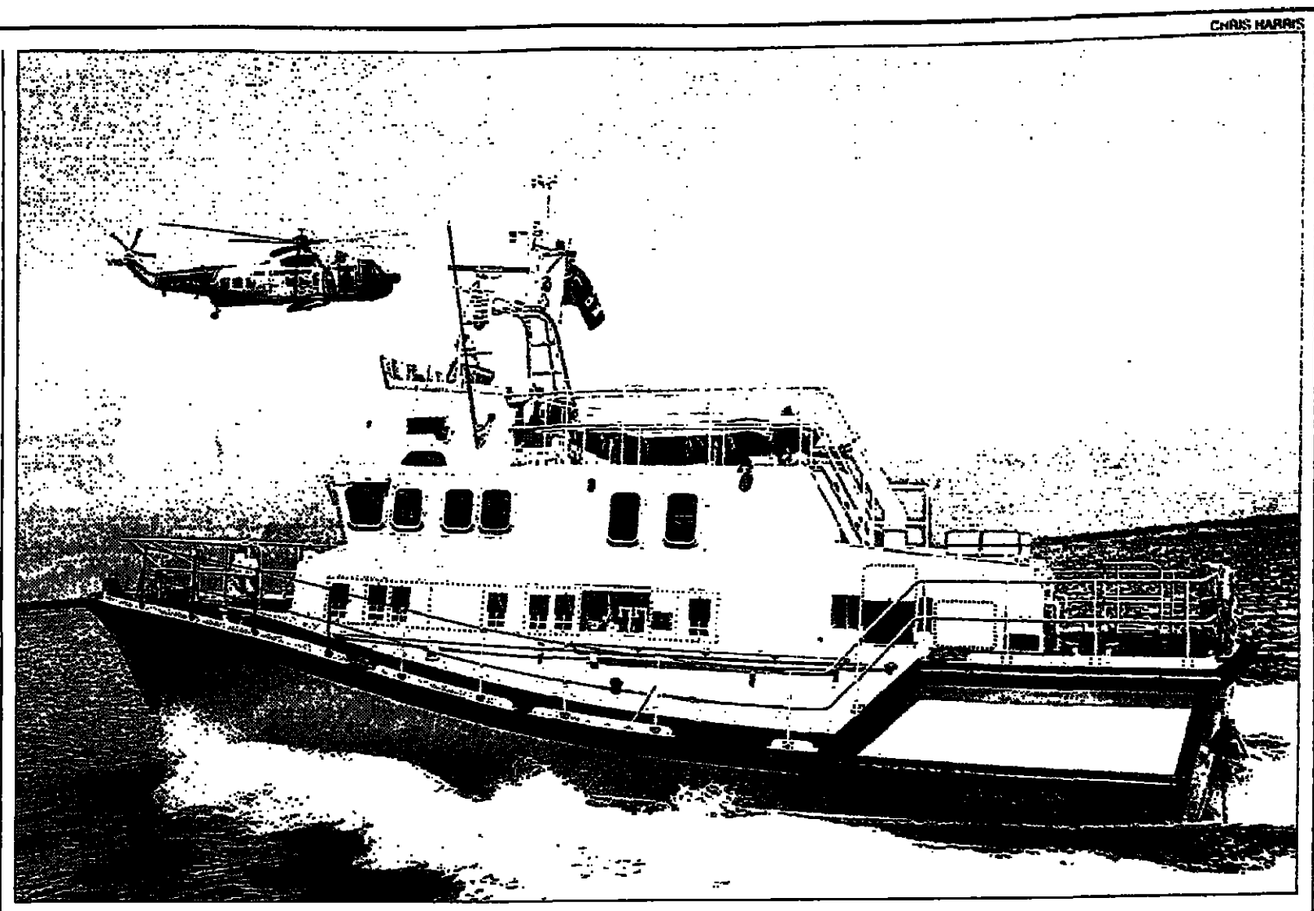
"If the parent adopts a child and then thinks 'Oh dear ... perhaps I am going to abandon the child after all', that would be an absolute tragedy which nobody could do anything other than condemn."

Peter Thurnham, Tory MP and founder of the Campaign for Inter-Country Adoption, said yesterday that all Romanian children being considered for adoption in Britain should be tested for HIV and hepatitis infection. However, the health department said last night there was no question of compulsory HIV tests for children adopted abroad.

● Concern is growing in Romania over the existence of a network of baby traders (Tim Judah writes from Bucharest). Baby traders hunt down poor families and offer money for their children.

Alexandra Zugravescu, head of the official Romanian Adoption Committee, said yesterday that while adoptions from state orphanages and institutions had been halted last week, private adoptions were continuing unhindered. He said that by May 21, a total of 3,943 children had been adopted this year, 89 per cent of them by foreigners.

CHRIS HARRIS



To the rescue: the Royal National Lifeboat Institution's prototype, the FAB (fast afloat boat) III, undergoing sea trials in the Solent off Yarmouth yesterday. The craft, nearly 60 ft long and built of glass-reinforced polyester resin, weighs just over nine tons. With a top speed of about 25 knots, it is the fastest offshore vessel ever commissioned by the institution and, given successful trials, will take it into the 21st century

Morris triumph is boost for the left

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leader, and Norman Willis, the TUC general secretary, will be looking for as much stability as possible in the face of two large union problems. First, the running difficulties over Labour's minimum wage policy; and second, a dispute which threatens to engulf the unions over the coming months after the decision of the GMB general union in effect to take over the building union, Ucatt.

After an election campaign to succeed Ron Todd in which race played a significant part, Mr Morris scored a convincing victory over his principal rival, George Wright, the union's regional secretary in Wales.

On a 22.3 per cent vote — better than normal for a union postal ballot — Mr Morris polled 118,206 votes (48 per cent of those voting; 10.7 per cent of those entitled to vote), against Mr Wright's 83,059 (33.8 per cent; 7.5 per cent). Bob Harrison, a TGWU national secretary, received 29,882 votes (12.2 per cent; 2.7 per cent), while Pat Reilly, a milkman from north London, polled 12,994 votes (5.3 per cent; 1.2 per cent). The votes were counted by the independent Electoral Reform Society.

Mr Morris' victory, by a larger majority than expected, over Mr Wright of more than 35,000 votes, is a significant boost for the left in the TGWU, although Mr Morris, aged 53, has distanced himself considerably from the union's hard-left faction.

Rosy glow at Labour's table

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which was organised by the One Thousand Club, a group of Labour supporters who donate £1,000 or more to the party, was the most public sign, so far, of the revolution that has shaken Labour's fund-raising techniques. Until the last couple of years, Labour had to rely on membership subscriptions and trade union donations. The gap between what was spent on electioneering and running a national party and what could be raised was the bane of many a party treasurer's life. At national and regional party conferences impassioned pleas were made to the "comrades" to dig deep in their pockets for the passing bucket.

Now Labour is leading the way in introducing American methods of funding political campaigns. An affinity credit card with the Co-operative bank was introduced last year, as was a deal with Littlewoods pools, whereby Labour gets a 12.5 per cent commission from all pools coupons bearing the red-rose motif used by its 315,000 members. Labour's general election fund stands at more than £6 million.

A Conservative press spokeswoman was keen yesterday to emphasise that the Tories also have national fund-raising dinners. "We have the winter ball and the blue ball." But then tickets are a mere snip at £70.

Guests at last night's affair included Professor John Stanworth of the Polytechnic of Central London, who said he was not a natural Labour supporter but thought that the Labour party was finally getting its act together and wanted Labour to be able to fight the election with as much money as the Tories.

Other guests included Ben Elton, wearing a green suit and sporting a new haircut; Mr Mortimer, who was to be the first speaker. He said: "It's a very good idea to see the Labour party raising money like any other party." He added that it was good that Labour wanted to enjoy a society in which people were more able to enjoy themselves.

Other guests were Ron Todd, George Baker, who is Inspector Wexford in the Ruth Rendell programmes, Clive Jenkins, Alan Tuffin (postmans' union boss), Claire Rayner, wearing a glittering sequinned dress with shiny beads, Barbara Castle, Michael Meacher, and comedian Robbie Coltrane.

Mishap leaves satellite in a spin

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The satellite weighs 1.5 tons and was designed for a life of five years. Its payload consists of a range of experimental television, distance learning and business payloads, and involves British Telecom, the BBC, the Open university, and the universities of London and Oxford.

According to ESA, control was lost on 29 May. Olympus is now spinning at a rate of one revolution every 90 seconds, and drifting eastwards at 5 degrees a day. It is now several thousand kilometres from its original position.

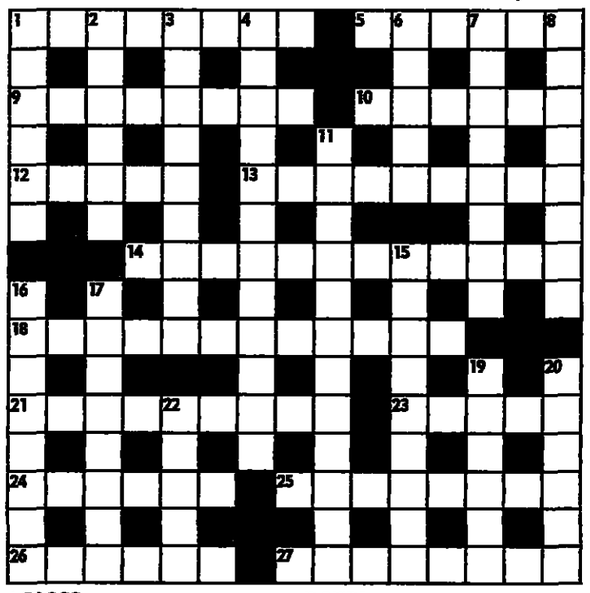
Signals from the satellite continue to be received during a portion of each orbit as the solar arrays face the Sun. During these periods of



communication, ground stations are emitting a stream of commands designed to enable the flat batteries to be recharged and to bring the satellite back to life. The chances of doing so appear small, however, which is why ESA has launched an inquiry.

The problem appears to have begun when ESA lost contact with the satellite when trying to alter its attitude and position. Commands were then fed to the satellite to which it failed to respond, perhaps because the batteries were already on low power. These instructions appear to have run the batteries flat.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 18,627



ACROSS

1 Apple perhaps offered by snake before the lapse of Adam and Eve (8).
5 Cleaner almost has mug overturned (6).
9 Include or exclude order from settlement (8).
10 Ring a bird before it's full-grown, they say (6).
12 Capital provided by Eddy, Sally and Kit (5).
13 Girl comes in on time, as often as not (2,7).
14 Match gone out? It could be made to fizzle out (4,2,6).
18 When to start shooting almost first bit of the. . . . (7,5).
21 . . . .play — The Bells, for example (9).
23 Leave without trouble (5).
24 Transport available in April and August only (6).
25 Girl seeing a lot of soldiers (8).
26 Refusal to involve part of Ulster in a bargain (6).
27 It's unfair, so I'd need to be concerned (3-5).

DOWN

1 What I could keep, eliminating team's openers (6).
2 Light rain comes from this (6).
3 Unaffected by heat, even though upset over censure (9).
4 In the French Revolution one might well panic (4,4,4).
6 Fruit Roland's peer didn't finish (5).
7 A dance enthusiast, chap takes a turn (8).
8 You could see him there too, but not to the end until now (8).
11 The making of a saint, a saint on icon, possibly (12).
15 In sporting events, that slice is disastrous (9).
16 Tripped and fell after beginning to slip (8).
17 Some sheets remain — five hundred and fifty-nine, roughly (3-5).
19 A point in time (6).
20 Attacked for being drunk (6).
22 Girl needs a helper when climbing (5).

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Solution to Puzzle No 18,621

A	S	S	O	R	T	E	D		T	I	P	T	O	P
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Solution to Puzzle No 18,626

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PARKER DUOFOLD

A prize of a superb Parker Duofold International Fountain Pen, with an 18 carat gold nib and fully guaranteed for the lifetime of the original owner will be given for the first five correct solutions opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times, Saturday Crossword Competition, PO Box 486, Virginia Street, London E1 9DD. The winners and solution will be published next Saturday.

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WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

THAUMATOLOGY
a. Study of change of temperatures
b. Theorems with prime numbers
c. The study of miracles

TANTIVY
a. Rapid, quick
b. Hunting horn blast
c. Raw Angelica

DONJON
a. A dungeon
b. A Casanova
c. A tower or fortress keep

ANAPAEST
a. Peat used for roofing
b. A foot
c. Dried in the sun

Answers on page 15

TIMES WEATHERCALL

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Dyfed & Powys	714
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N E England	718
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S W Scotland	720
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N W Scotland	725
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National motorways	737
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North-west England	742
North-east England	743
Scotland	744
Northern Ireland	745

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The winners of last Saturday's competition are: P A Forbes, Haydon Park Rd, Wimbledon; E N Rennie, Conigar Crescent, Usk, Gwent; A McEwan, Siskin Close, Hammerwich, Walsall,; A J Cave, Station Rd, Burnham Market, Norfolk; G McClenahan, Cranford Rd, Dartford, Kent.

WEATHER

Low cloud and drizzle will clear from the South-East, leaving most places dry with sunny spells. However, wet and windy weather over Northern Ireland will move west, reaching all but the Shetlands by midnight. The rain will be heavy at times, especially over western hills. Shetland should be mainly dry with some sunshine. Outlook: rain clearing northeastwards, followed by sunny spells and showers.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	18	64	c	Majorca	23	73	f
Akrotiri	25	77	s	Malaga	29	84	s
Alex'dria	28	79	f	Malta	25	77	s
Algiers	32	90	s	Melb'rne	13	55	r
Amst'dm	17	63	f	Miami*	26	79	f
Athens	24	75	s	Milan	13	55	c
Bahrain	33	91	s	Montreal*	22	72	f
Bangkok	30	86	f	Moscow	13	55	c
Barcelna	19	66	f	Munich	18	64	r
Belgrade	22	72	f	Nairobi	25	77	r
Berlin	19	66	f	Naples	21	70	f
Bermuda*	21	70	r	N York*	19	66	f
Biarritz	15	59	r	Nice	15	59	r
Borde'x	16	61	r	Oslo	15	59	f
Brussels	14	57	r	Paris	15	58	c
Budapst	18	64	c	Peking	25	77	f
Cairo	31	88	s	Perth	19	66	s
Cape Tn	14	57	c	Prague	19	66	f
Ch'church	7	45	r	Reykjavik	8	46	c
Cologne	13	55	r	Rhodes	26	79	s
C'phagn	10	50	d	Rio de J	24	75	s
Corfu	23	73	s	Riyadh	38	100	s
Dublin	12	54	f	Rome	20	68	c
Dubrovnik	19	66	f	Salzburg	20	68	f
Faro	21	70	f	S F'risco*	16	61	s
Florence	20	68	r	Seoul	30	86	s
Frankfurt	16	61	c	Sing'por	31	88	f
Funchal	22	72	f	Sr'dsham	16	61	r
Geneva	14	57	r	Strasb'rg	18	64	r
Gibraltar	23	73	f	Sydney	18	64	r
Helsinki	17	63	s	Tangier	22	72	c
Hong K	30	86	f	Tel Aviv	24	75	s
Innsbrck	16	61	f	Tenerife	24	75	f
Istanbul	23	73	s	Tokyo	27	81	f
Jeddah	33	91	s	Toronto*	21	70	f
Karachi	39	102	s	Tunis	30	86	s
L Palmas	22	72	f	Valencia	27	81	f
Lge T'quet	15	59	f	Vanc'ver*	15	61	c
Lisbon	19	66	d	Venice	17	63	c
Locarno	15	59	c	Vienna	20	68	c
London	14	57	r	Warsaw	14	57	r
Luxembg	12	54	c	Wel'mton	10	50	c
Madrid	20	68	f	Zurich	15	59	c

* denotes figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	6.1	-	11	52	shower
Anglesey	0.8	.20	15	59	cloudy
Belfast	5.7	-	18	64	sunny
Bristol	2.9	.04	18	64	bright
Cardiff	0.9	.13	16	61	cloudy
Colwyn Bay	-	-	13	55	cloudy
Cromer	0.6	.08	15	59	shower
Edinburgh	3.8	-	13	55	bright
Eskdalemuir	8.0	.01	15	59	shower
Glasgow	13.6	-	17	63	sunny
Hastings	6.9	.48	15	59	bright
Jersey	2.3	.13	16	61	shower
Leeds	-	.08	13	55	drizzle
Lerwick	11.3	.11	10	50	shower
Poole	7.6	.09	18	64	sunny
Sandown	5.8	.28	17	63	sunny
Scarborough	0.7	.07	12	54	cloudy
Stornoway	12.1	.03	11	52	sunny
Teignmouth	0.7	.03	14	57	cloudy
Torquay	3.0	.12	15	59	cloudy
Weymouth	5.8	.03	16	61	sunny
Wick	7.9	.02	11	52	shower

Thursday's figures are latest available

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	10.35	6.0	10.50	6.0
Aberdeen	10.4	3.5	11.0	3.5
Avonmouth	3.37	10.7	4.01	10.8
Belfast	7.29	3.1	8.17	3.0
Falmouth	1.31	4.4	2.17	4.4
Glasgow	9.20	4.0	10.9	4.1
Milford Haven	2.41	5.8	3.15	5.6
Newquay	1.41	5.7	2.14	5.7
Oban	2.48	3.3	3.4	3.1

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.33	2.18
Austria Sch	21.80	20.40
Belgium Fr	63.70	59.90
Canada $	2.03	1.89
Denmark Kr	11.85	11.15
Finland Mkk	7.35	6.90
France Fr	10.41	9.76
Germany Dm	3.09	2.88
Greece Dr	323	313
Hong Kong $	13.62	12.62
Ireland Pt	1.16	1.08
Italy Lira	2295	2145
Japan Yen	251.50	233.50
Netherlands Gld	3.47	3.26
Norway Kr	12.02	11.32
Portugal Esc	268	250
South Africa Rd	5.55	4.95
Spain Pta	190	170
Sweden Kr	11.12	10.42
Switzerland Fr	2.64	2.47
Turkey Lira	7500	6700
USA $	1.77	1.65
Yugoslavia Dnr	51	33

Rates for small denomination bank only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Thursday: Highest day temp: Farnborough, Hampshire, 19C (66F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland, 9C (48F); highest rainfall: Littlehampton, West Sussex, 0.68 in; highest sunshine: Tiree, Inner Hebrides, 16.2 hr.

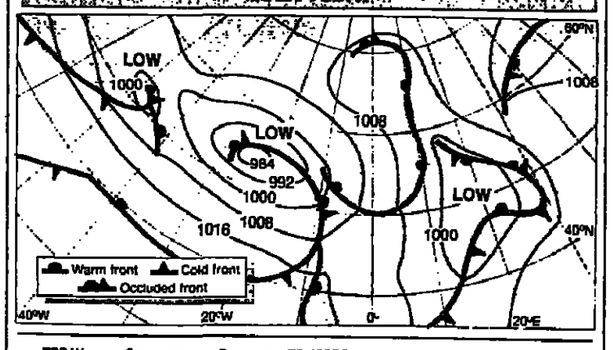
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Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 16C (61F); min 6pm to 6am, 6C (43F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 9.7 hr.

LIGHTING-UP TIMES

TODAY
London 9.15 pm to 4.30 am
Bristol 9.24 pm to 4.33 am
Edinburgh 9.35 pm to 4.29 am
Manchester 9.34 pm to 4.41 am
Penzance 9.29 pm to 5.13 am

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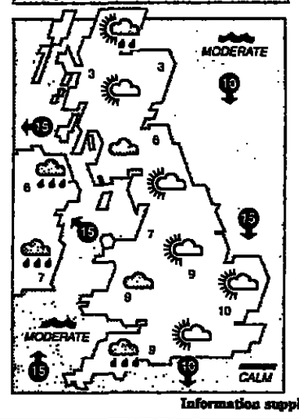


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	Moon rises:	Moon sets:		Moon rises:	Moon sets:
	1.51 am	4.30 pm		2.12 am	5.55 pm

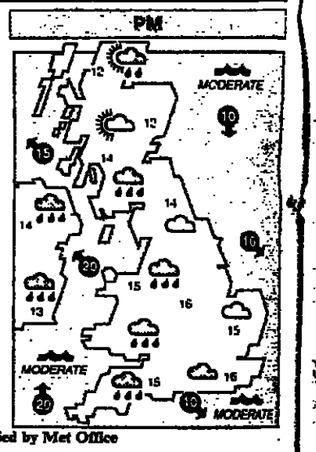
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Borrowers face endless mortgage

MORE borrowers are taking out what appear to be cheaper interest-only mortgages but they could end up paying interest for years without ever owning their home. They must be sure that they can pay off the capital at some stage.

Some lenders now offer mainly interest-only mortgages, and do not ask the borrower to specify how the capital is to be paid off. But consumers' groups are worried that the implications of paying only interest with no set means of paying off the capital are not always adequately spelt out.

Interest-only mortgages are mainly for sophisticated investors who own a lot of equity in their property. People can clear the mortgage early, without being locked into an endowment. They can also use existing investments without having to take out insurance they do not need ..... Page 31

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Investigators find no reason to proceed to full-scale enquiry

Fraud office ends Outhwaite probe

By JONATHAN PRYNN

THE Serious Fraud Office is winding down its investigation into the £200 million Outhwaite asbestosis losses at Lloyd's of London.

The probe was originally disclosed in March by John Redwood, the corporate affairs minister, in a Commons debate. He was replying to a speech from John Bowis, the Conservative MP. Mr Redwood said at the time that the SFO was looking at problems at Lloyd's "to see whether there is a case to take on."

After more than two months of investigation the SFO has decided not to proceed with a full scale enquiry, an SFO source confirmed yesterday. Lloyd's has yet to be formally told of the decision. The fraud office will make a statement on the initial enquiry later this month.

The SFO was believed to be investigating how reinsurance run-off contracts were placed with Outhwaite in 1982. These subsequently proved disastrous as a wave of US asbestosis and pollution claims hit the syndicate. Names affected by the losses include Edward Heath, the former prime minister, Tony Jacklin, the golfer and Susan Hampshire, the actress.

Calls for an internal investigation into the placing of the contracts were rejected by Lloyd's in April last year after a working party found no evidence of wrong-doing. John Donner, a senior underwriter at Lloyd's, had claimed that Outhwaite was not fully informed about the scale of the claims about to hit Lloyd's.

A group of names on the loss-making syndicate have since launched a damages claim for negligence against the Outhwaite underwriting agency and 80 members agencies.

Alan Lord, the chief executive of Lloyd's said in April that the SFO investigators had been given access to all the documents made available to the internal enquiry. Last week, he said: "We are fully confident at the end of the day that the SFO will decide there is nothing to pursue."

Murdoch McLeod, a spokesman for the Outhwaite agency said he was "disappointed" that the SFO had decided not to go ahead with a full enquiry. "An independent investigation would have helped to clear up the situation," he said.

In a seperate development, yesterday, Lloyd's came under pressure to modify the loss enquiry system that it is setting up in an attempt to prevent names resorting to litigation when they are in dispute with underwriters or agents. Colin Hook, the chairman of the Feltrim Names Association, met Lloyd's officials to discuss the membership of the committee looking into the losses suffered by two syndicates managed by the Feltrim agency. The names on the syndicates are facing losses of up to £350 million as a result of their reinsurance of the Piper Alpha oil platform and other claims.

Lloyd's has offered a three man investigation team, consisting of two market participants and a Lloyd's syndicate auditor. The Feltrim names are demanding that market practitioners should be balanced by outside members, including wholly independent solicitors and accountants. They are also insisting that should be "a person of the highest reputation, stature and integrity, probably a member of the judiciary and therefore, accepted as independent of Lloyd's." Mr Lord said this week that the enquiry would be headed by an accountant rather than a lawyer because it would be "concerned with numerical and business facts, not legal questions."

Lloyd's new internal enquiry system is triggered by any syndicate making losses of 100 per cent in one account year.



Faces behind the names: Edward Heath, Susan Hampshire and Tony Jacklin shared in the £200m losses due to asbestosis and pollution claims

Jump in US jobs signals recovery

From SUSAN ELLICOTT IN WASHINGTON

THE nine-month-old American recession may be over. This seemed to be the implication of an unexpected jump in employment announced yesterday by the US labour department. The May employment figures, showing an increase of 59,000 jobs, startled Wall Street analysts, who had expected a fall of about 90,000.

Markets worldwide were unsettled by the news. The dollar soared, passing resistance levels against the yen and mark, while American bond and equity prices dropped as analysts concluded that the long decline in American interest rates was at an end.

Despite the 59,000 jobs added last month to American payrolls, the national unemployment rate rose from 6.6 to 6.9 per cent. There was also a big revision of the April figures, to show a payroll drop of 180,000 instead of the 124,000 reported. But most analysts had expressed scepticism about April's figures and guessed that the latest figures would prove more reliable.

Not only was May's increase the first since last summer, but the improvement was spread throughout the economy. Even the manufacturing sector, which had been losing jobs even before the recession, improved, adding 12,000 jobs, the first rise since February last year.

Analysts also noted rises in overtime working and average work-weeks, which seemed to confirm the economy's newfound strength.

Marlin Fitzwater, the White House spokesman, said the May unemployment data were "unfortunate", but he said that other economic indicators, including retail sales, signalled that America was "on the road to recovery".

Most of last month's job losses came in the machinery and instruments industries, although small gains in the important business sector were seen as indicating that the worst of the recession might be over.

The jobless report came a day after the federal government released surveys showing that claims for state unemployment benefits fell for the third consecutive week while businesses were starting to draw up slightly rosier plans for capital spending.

A poll of purchasing managers at 300 industrial companies this week showed that the overall economy had begun to grow again, even though many sectors, especially manufacturing, remain troubled. By contrast, the farming-based economy of the Midwest has withstood the strains of the downturn.

Banking code to stress privacy

By OUR MONEY EDITOR

CUSTOMERS will soon be reassured that personal financial details will not be passed on to investment or insurance subsidiaries of their bank. But the new Code of Banking Practice will not stop the flood of insurance and unit trust offers to the 39 million current account customers.

The revised draft of the code should be completed by the end of next month and will govern the way banks treat their personal customers. Details of existing customers will not be passed on to subsidiary investment and financial companies of banks. Only where new customers have agreed that their names and addresses can be passed on will this happen.

What the code will not stop is the bank itself mailing out letters to customers with funds to spare on behalf of investment companies in the group. Nor will it stop bank branches telephoning or writing to suggest the customer meet an investment salesman.

Two of the big four banks already ask new customers for permission to pass on details. Lloyds started to do so more than 18 months ago and Barclays from last July. National Westminster sends out any mailings from the bank so that subsidiary companies see no details until the customer sends off an application form.

The code, due to be in place by the middle of this year, has been delayed because of the large numbers of complaints received about the draft, published last December. Since then the banks and consumer groups have been meeting to finalise details.

The banks, particularly anxious not to have regulation imposed on them, are agreeing to most of the demands.

Trevor Blackler of NatWest, chairman of the working party revising the code, said: "Basically what we are saying is that banks will have to get express consent for all new customers to pass on information and for existing customers no information will be passed to subsidiary companies."

Confidentiality was one of the main concerns of customers who made submissions on the code.

The banks are also prepared to take responsibility when a bank card is lost and money is removed from a cash dispenser. Unless the bank can prove the customer has been negligent, the bank will have to stand the loss.

The banks are less keen to send customers bills before deducting charges from current accounts. This would cost them £60 million a year, they claim.

When the redrafting is completed the consumer groups will be called in again and the code could be published by the autumn.

Banks asked for loan data

By OUR FINANCIAL STAFF

SENIOR executives from the main banks were summoned to a meeting at the Bank of England yesterday as part of the government's investigation into accusations that they have been overcharging their small business customers.

The bankers met officials from the Treasury and the Bank of England at a meeting chaired by Eddie George, deputy governor of the Bank.

The banks were represented by the head of the retail and commercial banking divisions, including Derek Wanless, the chief executive of National Westminster's financial services operations, and Geoff Miller, the managing director of Barclays' commercial banking division.

The banks were asked to provide information on their small company lending, in particular, the interest rates charged on loans. The banks refused to hand over the data in front of their competitors, but agreed to prepare the statistics for the Bank.

A spokesman for the Bank of England said: "The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the basis on which we will collect information."

The Bank will collate the information and send Norman Lamont, the chancellor, a report on the £50 billion that banks are estimated to lend to small businesses.

Brent Walker bankers offered controlling stake

By NEIL BENNETT, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

BRENT Walker, the stricken leisure group, has offered its bankers a controlling stake in the company in return for saving it from collapse.

The company met its 47 banks in the City yesterday to present reconstruction proposals that would give the banks 52 per cent of the group's shares.

The banks are being asked to convert £250 million of the company's debt into equity, and to delay interest payments on the remaining loans until 1995. The interest will be rolled up or converted into preference shares.

The banks have until Tuesday to give their unanimous approval of the proposals, or the company may be forced into administration or receivership.

At the meeting, Lord Kindersley, Brent's chairman, warned the bankers of the consequences if they rejected the plan. The failure of the plan would be a disaster for Brent's banks, which are owed an estimated £1.3 billion by the company. Standard Chartered alone lent Brent more than £150 million.

The plan may be put in jeopardy, however, by holders of the company's 102 million capital bond issue. The largest holder of these is George Walker, the former head of the group, who was ousted by the banks last week.

Capital bondholders, who also include Tiny Rowland and Michael Smurfit, met yesterday to discuss the proposals. They are being asked to convert their bonds into 72.8 million shares at 10p each, and a redeemable preference share issue.

The bondholders are said to have rejected a separate reconstruction proposal earlier this week, but have agreed to delay an interest payment on the bonds for another week to allow Brent time to circulate the reconstruction proposals. The interest was due originally on May 23. The issue of new shares will dilute ordinary shareholders to 15 per cent of the reconstructed company, and 11 per cent when a series of preference issues are converted. Brent's shareholders are being asked to agree the proposals at an extraordinary meeting.

The company's plight is revealed by the extent of the concessions the banks are being asked to make. One banker said: "The terms are not at all ideal, but they reflect the gravity of the situation. The company is in a very difficult position."

Borrie lands a 'sugger' punch

By LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR

SIR Gordon Borrie, the director general of Fair Trading, yesterday gave warning that "suggers" will have their licences suspended. "Sugging", or "selling under the guise" of doing market research, is increasing.

The Office of Fair Trading has received dozens of complaints about the practice concerning timeshare salespeople, and some insurance companies use the technique. The bogus survey seems to be replacing the postcards promising a prize for those attending a timeshare presentation.

People are stopped in the street or telephoned at home and asked to answer a few questions about their holiday preferences. Do they like sunshine? Would they prefer to travel to America or Europe? Do they enjoy swimming? These are the type of questions asked. They are then told that, in return for sparing a minute or so answering the questions, the name of the respondent will be put in a prize draw for a holiday. Within hours, the person can be called back to be told that he or she is the lucky winner of a holiday and can they make an appointment to collect their prize.

Those who attend the meeting face a lengthy presentation on the joys of timeshare.

Sir Gordon warns anyone asked questions about their holiday or leisure pursuits to beware.

He said: "The complaints made to me indicate that some timeshare marketing companies have taken to conducting bogus market research as a means of contacting people and luring them into attending a timeshare presentation. This is a practice which I deplore.

"In my report on timeshare last year, I expressed particular concern at the enticement of unprepared people to a hard sell on trade premises. "Sugging" is a particularly unacceptable development of this practice."

He advised anyone asked to take part in a survey to check the name of the person making the approach, the name of the organisation that they represent and whether there will be an attempt to sell anything.

Under the Consumer Credit Act, the director general issues consumer credit licences. He can revoke, suspend or compulsorily vary the licences if he feels the holder is no longer fit.

He can, under the Fair Trading Act, obtain assurances from traders that they will refrain from persisting in a course of conduct which is detrimental to the interests of consumers.

An injunction could also be applied for to stop the callers under the Misleading Advertisements Regulations Act.

Many of the people called are specifically told by the "researcher" that nothing is being sold.

It is only when they arrive at the presentation that it becomes clear that selling timeshare is the prime reason for the survey.

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Two more suitors call Dunn

DUNN & Co, the menswear retailer, is still in talks with Ayr House, the company formed by Robert Lees, but it is also talking to two other groups, now that the exclusivity clause in its talks with Ayr has expired.

One of the new parties is believed to be Hodges Menswear, the Welsh clothing retailer, itself thought to be in talks with Ayr. Hodges is believed to have told Dunn & Co that it would not stand in the way of Ayr House's acquisition of Dunn, but that if the talks fell through, it would be interested in purchasing Dunn itself. The third possible buyer is unknown.

Alba edges up

Alba, a consumer electronics company, made pre-tax profits of £4.5 million in the year to end March against £3.46 million for the nine-month period to end March 1990. On a pro forma basis, profits appear to be ahead slightly. The final dividend is 3.35p, making 4.35p (3.25p). Alba is raising £6.8 million, after expenses, through an open offer to shareholders at 76p a share on a basis of one for four.

Brooke slumps

Brooke Tool Engineering (Holdings) has cut its interim dividend from 0.725p to 0.25p. Pre-tax profits dived to £112,000 (£831,000) in the six months to end March. Earnings per share plunged to 0.2p (1.4p).

Payout raised

Lyons Irish Holdings is raising its final dividend to Ir10p (Ir9.09p), making Ir14.9p (Ir13.8p) for the year to March 2. Pre-tax profits rose from Ir£6.26 million to Ir£6.4 million (£5.8 million).

Bentalls suffers

Edward Bentall, chairman of Bentalls, the stores group, told the annual meeting that sales were currently 2 per cent down on the similar period last year.

Eurobank post

The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development has appointed Ronald Freeman, an American, as the vice-president of its merchant banking operations.

Courtaulds sells

Courtaulds has sold Courtaulds Grafil, its American carbon fibre business, to Mitsubishi Rayon of Japan for an undisclosed sum.

Cabra kicks out Chelsea proposal for merger

By MATTHEW BOND

PLANS to reverse Chelsea Football Club into Cabra Estates, the quoted property company that inherited Chelsea's Stamford Bridge ground when it took over Marler Estates in 1989, have apparently come to nothing.

Cabra's rejection of the Chelsea plan marks the latest failure to resolve the long running dispute between them.

Chelsea, chaired by Ken Bates and advised by Macarthur and Company, was told of Cabra's rejection by Smith New Court, the stockbroker behind the Marler takeover.

John Duggan, Cabra's chairman, believes Chelsea has nothing to offer Cabra and thinks any further involvement in football would not be well received by the stock market.

Chelsea, on the other hand, believes Cabra shareholders have little to lose and points to the Cabra share price which has fallen from the 110p at which SNC placed the shares in 1989 to around 10p. Cabra revealed a pre-tax loss of £5.2 million in the six months to end September.

Apart from the market-wide slump in property, Chelsea believes Cabra is also being hit by the terms of its deal with Fulham football club, another of its tenants.

Under the terms of that deal, agreed 18 months ago, Cabra paid Fulham £2 million in cash and promised a further £4 million when the football club vacated Craven Cottage, its valuable riverside ground. Further payments were tied to any planning permission obtained for the ground's redevelopment.

Under the original terms, Cabra promised to pay a penalty of £10,000 a day if specified security for the £4 million was not provided. Mr Duggan admits it was not.

But while Chelsea believes these penalty payments have swollen Cabra's liability Mr Duggan says the penalty stopped when the deal was renegotiated with Jimmy Hill, Fulham's chairman.

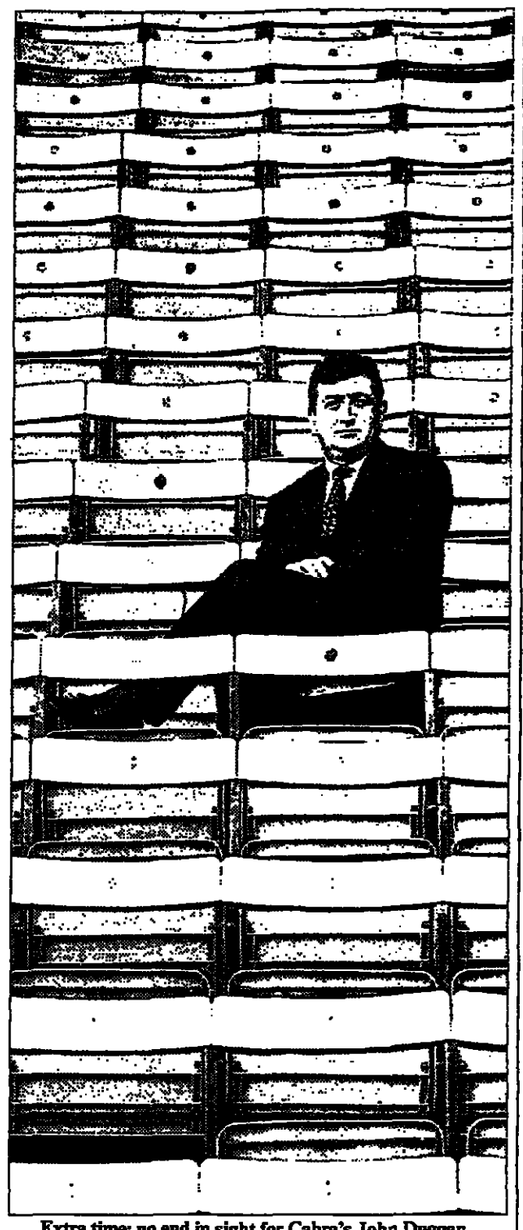
Fulham is believed to be keen to take Cabra's cash and move to a new ground. However, any move to a ground-sharing arrangement with Chelsea will be blocked by Cabra until Chelsea shows it has the funds to buy Stamford Bridge.

The dispute over what Stamford Bridge might be worth, and more particularly what it was worth in August 1988 when both sides now agree Chelsea exercised an option to buy it from Marler, is still some way from being settled.

Chelsea has apparently still to agree to the independent expert recently appointed to settle the long-running valuation dispute. A further courtroom clash between the two sides is imminent. Chelsea has a successful record in winning these court cases.

Mr Duggan however is confident that Chelsea eventually will have to pay up or get out. He believes Marler's 1988 valuation of Stamford Bridge at £40 million will be confirmed by the independent expert. Chelsea do not.

Cabra, anxious to get out of football, might agree to sell Stamford Bridge for around £25 million. But, with Chelsea still firmly of the opinion that Stamford Bridge is worth under £10 million, no early end to the dispute is in sight.



Extra time: no end in sight for Cabra's John Duggan

Stake sale dents Geest price

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

THE van Geest family, founders of the food group best known for its bananas, raised about £35 million yesterday by selling 10.9 million shares. The sale was seen as part of the family's plan to loosen its hold on the group since its flotation in 1986.

The family's stake in Geest has been reduced from 31.8 to 16.1 per cent. The shares were placed by Cazenove & Co with institutional investors at 321p and the news sent the Geest share price down 9p to 336p.

Leonard van Geest, chairman, sold 1.1 million shares, raising about £3.5 million.

The family indicated it did not intend to make any further sales in the foreseeable future.

"The directors of Geest are satisfied that the management of the group is well established and its business well founded, thus enabling this placing to happen without impeding the progress of the group," a statement said. "The family's wish to diversify their investment portfolio has been made possible by the strength of the company." Other trusts and family members that placed shares are Parkview, which sold 5.45 million shares, the John and Lucille van Geest Foundation, 312,500 shares, and Mrs D van Geest van der Bos, 2.47 million shares.

Geest's share price has outperformed the market by 39 per cent in the past year and the sale of half the family's stake may make the company more vulnerable to takeover. Mike Nightingale, of County NatWest WoodMac, expects pre-tax profits of £27.7 million this year.

London Clubs plans for sell-out

By MARTIN WALLER

LONDON Clubs, Britain's biggest casino group, whose £120 million stock market debut was halted after a police and Gaming Board raid on its premises earlier this week, had already drawn up a plan to allow certain of its minority shareholders to sell out.

The company, which owns the Ritz Club and Les Ambassadeurs in London's West End, will not comment on the small shareholdings of David Shamoon, the property developer, and Baldwin, the leisure group in which Mr Shamoon has a holding. But it is thought that these were likely to disappear under the original flotation plan.

The Gaming Board has not confirmed it is investigating the size or nature of these shareholdings, but it is believed to have approached London Clubs earlier this year requesting more information on them.

The articles of association of London Clubs allow it to require any shareholder to sell the shares on demand. The directors are therefore upset that the actions of the Gaming Board, which instigated Thursday's early morning raid on five of the company's casinos and three offices, have required them to pull out of the long-awaited flotation.

The decision was taken pending the outcome of any enquiry. It is almost inconceivable that a company under such a cloud could attract the necessary take-up from institutions to float.

The directors were considering the Gaming Board's action last night, but a spokesman said: "We're dealing with a body that is a law unto itself and really doesn't behave in a way that you would expect."

The Gaming Board made its request for more information after London Clubs applied for a certificate of consent allowing it to operate a casino in Bryanston Street, west London. The Board was last night referring all calls to New Scotland Yard, which confirmed the raids had taken place over "alleged irregularities in gaming licensing", a catch-all phrase that could relate to any of the company's activities or its ownership.

The shareholdings date back to the 1989 management buyout from Grand Metropolitan.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Portsmouth acquires Northern Press

PORTSMOUTH and Sunderland Newspapers has bought Northern Press Group, owner of the 141-year-old *Shields Gazette*, Britain's oldest regional evening newspaper, for £6.8 million. Other titles owned by the group include the *Northumberland Gazette* and the *Berwick & Borders Gazette*.

P&S also reported pre-tax profits of £5.28 million for the year to the end of March (£5.86 million). Although earnings per share fell 16 per cent to 30.2p, the final dividend is held at 5.64p, lifting the total from 7.9p to 8.24p. Despite lower returns from printing and publishing, retailing interests raised earnings by 5 per cent, leaving trading profits almost unchanged at £4.68 million, against £4.84 million. But net investment income dropped from £1.02 million to £604,000.

Partnerships down 11%

PROPERTY Partnerships, the East Anglia property investor and hotels developer, announced pre-tax profits of £2.01 million for the year end March, a fall of 11 per cent on the previous year. Investment properties were valued at the year end at £22.96 million, a 14 per cent decline. A final dividend of 4.35p (4.1p) makes a year's total of 6.8p (6.35p).

Redland buys tile assets

REDLAND, the international construction materials group, acquired the fixed assets and stocks of Marley's Californian roof tile subsidiary for $11 million. Redland plans to make a new lightweight tile at the acquired plants. Robert Napier, the chief executive, said the acquisition was the first use of proceeds from a £280 million March rights issue.

Bespak seeks £10.9m

BESPAK, the specialist medical and pharmaceutical-related group whose largest customer is Glaxo, is raising £10.9 million net via a one-for-four rights issue at 315p a share. Bespak forecasts that pre-tax profits for the year that ended on May 3, when published, will be not less than £4.4 million (£3.9 million), on sales of £29.6 million (£23.6 million). The company also forecasts a final dividend of 5p a share, making 8p (7p) for the year.

The rights money will be used to reduce debt and fund Bespak's investment and expansion programme. Bespak shares fell 4p to 390p.

Dakota rises to Ir£820,000

DAKOTA, the Irish printing and packaging group, lifted its pre-tax profits from Ir£676,000 (£612,000) to Ir£820,000 in the six months to end March. The company said it has been tightening up on costs in order to hold its market share in a "difficult" market. Fully diluted earnings have slipped to 2.2p (2.4p). The interim dividend is 0.5p.

DSM and Akzo talk

DSM and Akzo, the Dutch chemical companies, are discussing a partial exchange of industrial activities. The companies are considering the transfer to DSM of Akzo's engineering plastics operations, with annual sales of 400 million guilders (£120 million), while Akzo would receive DSM's power coatings businesses (Fl200 million sales).

Interlink shares jump

SHARES in Interlink Express, the USM-quoted parcel delivery company, soared 36p to 249p when the company said profits this year are likely to surpass expectations.

In its interim report in March, the company had said second-half profits would only match last year's. However, Interlink said yesterday its business "has proved more resilient to the difficult trading conditions that have continued to persist than had been originally expected" and is forecasting pre-tax profits for the year to end-June of not less than £6.5 million (£6.1 million). Cost control, improved cash generation and new business have contributed to the improvement.

THE POUND

US dollar
1.6725 (–0.0170)
German mark
2.9587 (–0.0005)
Exchange index
91.0 (–0.1)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1955.2 (–18.9)
FT-SE 100
2506.3 (–19.0)
New York Dow Jones
2971.15 (–23.71)*
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
25035.11 (+50.99)

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Thomson Corp	855p (+40p)
YJ Lovell	153p (+21p)
Higgs & Hill	269½p (+10p)
Cable & Wireless	505p (+10p)
TI	498½p (+11p)

FALLS:

Bass	974p (–17p)
Grand Met	759p (–16p)
Guinness	960p (–19p)
Harvey & Thompson	161p (–10p)
BTR	391½p (–12p)
A Cohen	515p (–10p)
Manna Devs	230p (–25p)
Capital & Counties	325p (–15p)
Derwent Holdings	675p (–10p)
Hammerson 'A'	606p (–10p)
News Corp	386p (–18p)
Delta	394p (–10p)
Securicor 'A'	527½p (–10p)
Commercial Union	473½p (–10p)
General Accident	519½p (–13p)

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INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 11½%
3-month interbank 11¾–11⁷/₁₆%
3-month eligible bills:10²⁷/₃₂–10¾%
US: Prime Rate 8½%
Federal Funds 5⅝%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.58-5.56%*
30-year bonds 96¹/₃₂-96¹/₁₆*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.6725	£: $1.6720*
£: DM2.9587	$: DM1 7705*
£: SwFr2.5380	$: SwFr1.5177*
£: FFr10 0183	$: FFr5.9935*
£: Yen234.74	$: Yen140.30*
£: Index91.0	$: Index:67 4
ECU £0 696614	SDR £0.788056
£: ECU1.435515	£: SDR1.268945

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $365.80 pm-$367.00
close $366.50-367.00 (£219.25-219.75)
New York:
Comex $366.25-366.75*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI: 133.1 April (1987=100)

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Jun) ..... $18.25 bbl ($18.10)
* Denotes latest trading price

Taylor Woodrow buys Lovell stake

By COLIN CAMPBELL

YJ LOVELL (Holdings), the construction group, was on bid alert last night after 2.8 million shares changed hands in a dawn raid.

Taylor Woodrow later confirmed that it held 4.9 per cent of Lovell's capital, as enlarged by Lovell's rights issue that closes on Monday. Taylor Woodrow said the stake was for investment purposes.

Antony Hichens, Lovell's chairman, said he was very disappointed in the way the shares had been acquired, and hoped Taylor Woodrow would act as a constructive shareholder.

Market followers said the dawn raid had been bungled, and that Taylor Woodrow had wanted to acquire a 10 per cent stake.

Lovell shares closed on Thursday at 132p, and aggressive buying started at 142p yesterday morning before Lovell's share price moved ahead to touch 153p.

Lovell is in the final stages of a £31 million rights issue, on the basis of two-for-five at 130p.

Mr Hichens said Lovell had a strong management team and a good land bank, and that evidence of some improved activity in the Southeast of England, where Lovell was well represented, would benefit the group.

Longcroft loses £700,000

By MARTIN BARROW

JAMES Longcroft, the oilman, has lost at least £700,000 after the collapse of Claremont (UK).

The high-profile former chairman of Tricentrol signalled his return to the stock market when he acquired nearly 30 per cent of Claremont in August last year.

After a two-year absence from the energy scene, Mr Longcroft formed a new vehicle to invest in the North Sea.

But his blueprint was barely completed when Atlantic Capital Corporation, a Bermudan bank ultimately owned by EKA, the Finnish industrial group, began legal proceedings against a group of companies, including Claremont, to recover a loan of Aus$16.08 million (£7.24 million). Claremont says it received no cash from ACC and is contesting the action.



Longcroft: 'enough is enough'

But the threat of an expensive settlement has deterred other investors from supporting Claremont's fundraising efforts to pay for acquisitions.

Yesterday, Claremont, renamed Tournesol Exploration after Mr Longcroft's chalet in Gstaad, Switzerland, announced it would cease trading. Opman Holdings, through which Mr Longcroft's shares are held, is demanding repayment of a £500,000 debenture secured on the company's assets.

Mr Longcroft said: "I am clearing out. I have had to say that enough is enough. You won't see me back in a hurry."

Claremont's shares have been suspended at 11½p since March last year. Other shareholders include Swiss Bank Corporation, with 9.03 per cent, and Hanover Nominees, with 6.17 per cent.

Capita Group wins £500,000 contracts

By PHILIP PANGALOS

CAPITA Group, Britain's largest provider of management services to the public sector, has won two contracts worth about £500,000, to help collect the business rate for two London local authorities through its new Capita Managed Services subsidiary.

The contracts, due to run for 12 months, with City of Westminster and the Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea, will provide a collection management service, using voice and data integrated computer systems that will supplement the existing paper system.

This will allow quicker collection of money and provide faster resolution of account queries.

Richard Childs, CMS managing director, said Westminster had the largest business rate in Britain with a total of £600 million to be collected this year. "We will bolt on both authorities' existing revenue collection operations with benefits expected to run into millions of pounds of additional income and interest savings.

"We are the only company to offer this service. We project a further ten contracts by the end of the summer and plan to increase staff numbers to 100 people from the existing 20."

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

Calls / Puts

	Series	Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
Allid Lyons (*349)	500	62	80	90	3½	9½	15
	550	27	47	59	19	28	33
	600	8	25	36	51	57	61
ASDA (*113)	100	17	19	21	1½	4	5
	110	9	11½	15	4	7½	8½
	120	4	7	10½	9	13½	15
Bass (*974)	929	69	100	–	9	22	–
	977	37	69	–	26	40	–
	1026	16	45	–	59	67	–
Boots (*383)	330	55	60	66	1½	5	7
	360	25	38	46	7	12	16
	390	8	22	29	22	26	29
Br Airways (*169)	140	31	36	39	2	3	5
	160	14	22	25	4	7	10
	180	4½	10	14½	15	17	19
BP (*336)	300	42	47	50	2	4½	8
	330	17	25	31	7½	11	17
	360	4½	11	16	26	31	33
Br Steel (*135)	120	15½	16	17	2½	3½	5½
	140	2¾	4	6	14	15½	17¾
C & W (*505)	500	21	40	52	18	26	33
	550	6	19	30	57	58	63
	600	1½	8	15	105	105	108
CU (*474)	460	30	39	53	7	19	22
	500	9	20	33	29	41	44
	550	2	7	16	77	81	83
Courtauld (*389)	360	41	54	62	3½	7½	12
	390	19	34	42	13	19	22
	420	7	20	27	31	36	38
GKN (*348)	330	24	31	40	7	17	20
	360	9	17	24	24	34	37
	390	2½	8	15	50	57	59
Grand Met (*761)	750	47	68	86	12	27	35
	800	20	40	60	37	51	57
	850	6½	22	40	77	85	89
ICI (*1302)	1250	89	118	155	23	47	54
	1300	55	90	125	43	70	75
	1350	35	67	100	70	95	100
Kingfisher (*495)	460	45	60	73	6	14	18
	500	20	37	50	22	32	35
	550	4½	17	30	60	65	67
Ladbroke (*258)	260	13	22	29	9½	16	19
	280	5½	14	19	25	30	32
	300	2	7	13	44	44	46
Land Sec (*503)	500	22	39	50	8	14	19
	550	3	13	25	45	47	48
	600	1	4	–	95	95	–
M & S (*249)	240	16	25	30	4½	7½	9½
	260	5	13¼	19	15	16½	19
	280	2	6½	11½	33	33	33
Sainsbury (*369)	330	48	59	66	1	4	6
	360	24	36	45	6	9½	14
	390	7	20	27	22	25	28
Shell (*512)	460	58	68	77	2	7½	11
	500	28	42	50	9	20	24
	550	6	15	26	42	48	50
Smkl Beech (*787)	750	36	82	100	7½	19	24
	800	27	52	70	27	39	45
	850	8½	30	48	60	65	67
Storehse (*114)	100	16	19	–	2½	4	–
	110	8	13	–	6	9	–
	120	3	8	10	12	14	16

	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
Trafalgar (*250)	220	37	46	49	2½	6½	11
	240	21	32	36	7	13	20
	260	11	22	25	16	22	30
Ultramar (*293)	280	20	29	37	5½	10½	13
	300	9	17	26	15	20	23
	330	3	7½	14	42	42	42
Unilever (*755)	650	120	140	–	1½	3	–
	700	74	97	114	4	8¼	13
	750	33	62	80	14	22	27
	800	11	35	50	47	50	55
Utd Biscuits (*365)	330	43	52	58	2	5½	8
	360	19	30	38	8	15	18
	390	6	15	23	26	31	33

	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
BAA (*429)	390	47	58	–	6	9	–
	420	25	37	48	16	22	25
	460	8	19	28	41	46	50
BAT Ind (*712)	600	132	137	–	2½	5	–
	650	87	94	113	6	13	16
	700	50	60	82	17	28	35
	750	19	35	53	45	55	60
BTR (*392)	360	47	53	62	4½	9	10½
	390	26	34	43	12	20	22
	420	11½	20	29	30	37	39
Br Aero (*599)	550	67	80	97	7½	14	20
	600	34	47	65	22	35	40
	650	14	26	40	57	65	72
Br Telecm (*378)	330	55	58	–	2¼	4	–
	360	28½	36½	42	7½	11	14
	390	9½	19	25	23	26	29
Cadbury (*365)	330	47	55	65	3½	7	9
	360	24	35	45	11	16	18
	390	9	19	29	28	32	35
Guinness (*963)	900	99	117	142	10	21	26
	950	63	85	110	24	37	42
	1000	34	58	82	50	58	63
GEC (*194)	180	17	19	22	4½	6	8½
	200	4½	8½	12	16	17	18½
	220	1¼	4	6½	34	34	34½
Hanson (*222)	200	23½	31	33½	2½	4	7½
	220	11	18	20¼	9	11	16¼
	240	3¼	9¼	11½	23½	24	28
LASMO (*336)	300	45	53	62	5	–	12
	330	23	33	43	15	19	24
	360	10	19	27	32	35	40
P & O (*570)	550	50	58	67	14	24	28
	600	21	31	43	38	50	56
	650	8	15	–	80	87	–
Pilkington (*173)	160	18	26	29	9	11½	15
	180	8½	16	19	21	24	27
	200	4	9½	13	37	40	42
Prudential (*234)	220	24	27	33	5½	9	9½
	240	11	16	22	14	18	20
	260	4	8½	–	29	32	–
Racal (*241)	200	43	50	56	2¾	5	7
	220	23	36	43	6	10	13
	240	16	25	32	15	19	22
	260	8	16	23	28	31	34

	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
RTZ (*554)	460	110	114	–	1	4	–
	500	74	81	96	5	10	14
	550	35	48	64	17	28	32
	600	13	26	–	47	55	–
Scot New (*389)	330	68	–	–	2	–	–
	360	40	48	55	7	10	14
	390	20	29	38	19	24	28
	420	8	17	24	40	43	46
Tesco (*279)	253	35	–	–	2½	–	–
	280	16	24	31	9	13	14
	300	7	14	21	23	26	27
Thames W (*298)	280	24	29	35	9	13	15
	300	12	17	23	20	23	26
	330	4	7	12	44	47	47
Lucas (*151)	140	20	24	26	5	7	8
	160	7½	13	16	13	17	19
	180	3	6	–	31	30	–

	Series	Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
Fisons (*487)	420	77	89	98	1	4	6
	460	41	57	68	5	12	15
	500	14	33	44	21	27	30

	Series	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Abbey Nat (*277)	260	22	29	37	1½	6½	8½
	280	7	17	25	6½	15	17
	300	1½	8½	15½	23	27	29
Amstrad (*65)	60	6½	10¾	12½	¾	3¼	5
	70	2	5	7½	5½	8	9½
	80	½	3	4¼	15	16	17½
Barclays (*432)	420	20	33	43	4	19	26
	460	2½	14	26	30	43	47
	500	1	6	13	70	77	78
Blue Circ (*241)	240	10	22	27	6	14	16
	260	3½	11	18	20	25	29
	280	1	6	11	39	42	43
Br Gas (*251)	200	53	55	–	1	1½	–
	220	33	36	38	1	4	5
	240	14	17	23	2	9½	12
	260	2½	7	13	11	22	24
Dixons (*215)	180	37	39	45	1	3	4½
	200	18	24	28	2½	8	10½
	220	4	13	19	10	17	20
Eurotunnel (*463)	420	50	70	90	5	19	27
	460	20	50	67	19	35	42
	500	6	32	47	44	58	67
Forte (*268)	240	31	39	42	1	3½	6
	260	10	23	28	3	8	13
	280	2½	13	17	13	18	22
Glaxo (*1239)	1200	67	113	137	10	38	45
	1250	33	82	107	27	59	67
	1300	14	57	83	60	84	90
Hawker (*572)	500	76	95	106	3	9½	17
	550	32	60	73	9	24	34
	600	7½	34	48	37	52	60
Hillsdown (*232)	220	16	27	32	2	7	10
	240	4	15	21	11	15	19
	260	1	8	13	30	30	33
	280	1	3½	8	50	50	50

	Series	Jan	Sep	Dec	Jan	Sep	Dec
Laporte (*243)	240	11	17	26	5	13	16
	260	2½	8½	16	18	26	28
	280	1	4½	9½	37	41	43
Midland (*214)	180	37	40	46	1	3½	5½
	200	18	26	32	2	8	10½
	220	4½	14	21	9½	17½	21
	240	1	5½	13	28	32	34
Reuter (*818)	750	77	107	135	4	19	27
	800	35	72	103	13	33	45
	850	14	47	75	42	62	70
	900	3½	30	53	85	95	100
R-Royce (*162)	140	23½	28	31	½	3	4
	160	6	12½	18	5	8	10½
	180	1	5	9	19	21	22
Sears (*82)	70	13½	16	–	1	1½	–
	80	4½	9	10½	2½	4½	5½
	90	¾	3½	5½	9	10	11
Thorn EMI (*736)	650	95	97	105	½	9	13
	700	45	54	68	4	24	29
	750	11	25	40	23	48	53
	800	2	10	–	67	89	–
TSB (*146)	130	18	21	–	1	2½	–
	140	9	12	17	1	6	7
	160	1	4½	8	14	18	19
Vaal Reefs (*566)	60	9	12	15	1½	5	7
	70	2½	7	10	5½	10	12
Wellcome (*629)	500	139	154	162	1	2	5½
	550	91	107	120	1	6½	13
	600	37¾	72	84	6	19	27

	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
Easons Elec (*189)	160	33	35	–	3	5	–
	180	17	19	24	10	12	15
	200	5½	10	15	23	25	27

	Series	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Nat Power (*142)	130	14	17	19	1½	4½	6
	140	6½	10½	13	3½	8½	10
	160	1	3½	6	19	24	25

FT-SE INDEX (*2506)

	2350	2400	2450	2500	2550	2600
Calls						
Jun	168	125	75	41	17	6
Jul	188	157	119	77	44	29
Aug	218	176	138	95	72	50
Sep	234	197	160	127	93	75
Dec	—	253	—	185	—	125
Puts						
Jun	3½	7	13	28	58	98
Jul	13	21	31	48	74	110
Aug	19	27	39	59	78	110
Sep	27	37	50	71	91	125
Dec	—	63	—	95	—	146

June 7, 1991 Total: 20951 Calls 11104 Puts 9847 FT-SE: Calls 2779 Puts 3043
*Underlying security price.

FT-SE 100 VOLUMES

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
Abbey Nat	3,095	Cadbury	777	Lloyds	3,850	Rothmans 'B'	434
Allid-Lyons	2,123	CU	1,837	Lonrho	495	Royal Bank	1,773
Anglian	488	Courtaulds	1,136	Lucas	1,483	Royal Ins	479
ASDA	299	Enterprise	300	M&S	2,307	Salisbury	1,223
AB Foods	28	Eurotunnel	424	Maxwell Cm	29	Scot & N	329
Argyll	1,445	Fisons	923	MEPC	407	Sears	636
Arjo Wigg	618	Forte	1,154	Midland	3,247	Severn Trnt	1,633
BAA	825	Gen Acc	925	Natl Power	7,346	Shell	2,524
BET	1,064	GEC	6,123	Nat West	2,507	Smith & N	5,322
BTR	2,025	Glaxo	1,850	N W Water	991	SK Beech	1,943
BAT	1,280	Grand Met	611	P&O	615	Sun Allnce	228
Barclays	1,970	GUS 'A'	475	Pearson	448	Tarmac	1,852
Bass	660	GRE	1,881	Pilkington	5,479	Tate Lyle	741
BICC	1,473	Guinness	969	PowerGen	4,433	TSB	1,955
Bk Scotind	191	Hamm 'A'	372	Prudential	2,780	Tesco	2,158
Blue Circle	1,035	Hanson	8,314	Racal	5,556	Thames Wtr	1,088
BOC	536	H & C	63	Rk Hovis	835	Thorn EMI	512
Boots	1,291	Hawker	177	Rank	529	Trafalgar	2,480
Br Aero	1,014	Hillsdown	974	R&C	122	Ultramar	2,091
Br Airways	3,201	ICI	794	Redland	313	Unilever	819
Br Gas	6,089	Kingfisher	798	Reed	451	United Bis	902
Br Petrol	2,473	Lasmo	751	Reuters	282	Wellcome	748
Br Steel	3,820	Ladbroke	2,185	RMC Gp	279	Whitbrd	230
Br Telecm	4,481	Land Sec	880	RTZ	1,408	Williams	816

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Privileged winner takes on the high risk market

BUSINESS PROFILE
By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

David Coleridge

Lloyd's is facing a watershed as names are losing money. Members are leaving, others are suing. But, to the chairman, it is all part of the challenge

David Coleridge, chairman of Lloyd's of London, the biggest insurance market in the world, has little affection for journalists these days. A spate of newspaper articles with headlines proclaiming "Lloyd's must reform or die" and "Thousands risk ruin as disasters hit Lloyd's" have put him out of sorts. One in particular, a feature in *The Times* by Bernard Levin, entitled "Lloyd's goes up the spout", has touched a raw nerve.

Coleridge says: "I got a huge mail on it. Members scream 'what am I doing? Am I having Levin put down? Can I make sure that *The Times* is never again taken at Lloyd's?' Then some people think it's a brilliant piece."

"We've had a lot of bad publicity in the last month. Every one of the major daily and Sunday newspapers has written an article. I suppose one just becomes immune in the end."

He is slouching on the other side of a vast desk, a large man in red braces and a spotty tie. He looks as if he could survive on a diet of port and school puddings, and he sounds world weary.

To outsiders, Lloyd's is facing a watershed. The members, known as names, who put up the money to underwrite insurance risks, are deserting in droves. Those who are not leaving appear to be suing. Individuals are facing losses of several hundred thousand pounds. Total losses for the 1988 year, which will be reported next month, are expected to be about £250 million. Some estimate the 1989 loss to be £1 billion.

Coleridge says: "We have the misfortune to blush very publicly. We had 30,000 members in 1988. Many of them will have lost money and they make a lot of fuss. The insurance industry worldwide is having a very tough time. Most of the people who are bitching and whingeing are doing it because they don't like losing. I understand that. It's human nature to only want to win. No one has been swindled and it has nothing to do with unlimited liability. It's simply pure losses.

"People have lost a percentage of their premium and if they cannot bear a loss of 10 per cent, they shouldn't be underwriting. We have some people who have been receiving profits for 20 years. We haven't made a loss since 1967 and we've paid the members £3.6 billion over that period."

He is alternatively sympathetic: "I really do feel immensely sorry for them" and exasperated: "They've been told in words of one syllable that it's a risk business. They've signed things saying they know they can lose as well as win". But, he insists, the job has not dented his genial temperament.

He has been chairman of Lloyd's for six months and is, on the whole, a popular choice with the insurance underwriters, brokers, managing agents and members' agents who form the hundreds of small businesses at Lloyd's. He is witty and has a roguish charm. He is also wealthy, having built a fortune in excess of £10 million from scratch.

Sir Bayley Laurie, a close friend, says: "He's hugely ambitious, he's an enormously hard worker and as straight as a die. He's an intelligent man, very approachable and very frank. He doesn't mind what language he uses and he makes friends very easily."

Ralph Rokeby-Johnson, Coleridge's old partner and a friend from school, says: "He conceals his ability behind a tired teddy-bear outlook. He's a very competent businessman and a very patient person. There is a certain amount of the politician in him but he is extremely well liked and trusted. I think he is ambitious, although he would probably not want you to think so."

Coleridge receives about 30 letters a day from disgruntled names. "They write to me when there isn't anyone else left to complain to," he says. "I had a letter this morning from someone who asked how much I'd lost and he hoped it was a lot. People get very bitter. I shall write back and tell him. I bet I've lost five or six times more than he has. I do wish people didn't have underwriting losses but if you tell them that you're only seen as patronising. I can't change the facts and I can't write them a personal cheque." He says the sob stories depress him, but maintains that few of the real disaster stories are due solely to Lloyd's. "Nearly every member of Lloyd's who has financial problems usually has some other problem as well. Either their business is going through a bad patch or they're getting divorced. A divorce crucifies a man with any money."

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That is not something he has experienced. He has been married to Susan for 36 years. Friends describe her as the driving force behind his ambition. They have three sons. Everyone who knows Coleridge mentions his strong family ties. Unlike many businessmen who pay lip service to the idea, Coleridge's family really does come first. "If they are happy, he is happy," says Rokeby-Johnson.

Susan, his wife, says: "He's very kind, very tolerant and a marvellous father. He's probably different at home, away from work. I'm told he's quite tough in the office.

"He likes to be jolly and light hearted. His jokes can be a bit feeble sometimes, a bit schoolboyish. He always sleeps like a log but I think he is a bit tense inside at the moment. He would never shout or lose his temper, except perhaps if he's driving on the motorway. He's not a frightfully good driver."

There are few who envy his position as chairman of Lloyd's and Coleridge appears to have taken on the job through an odd mixture of ambition and duty. The post is unsalaried although he receives a salary of £194,000 as chairman of Sturge Holdings, the largest underwriting agency at Lloyd's and the company with which he has spent most of his career.

Expectations of his chairmanship are high. Rokeby-Johnson says: "No one in their wildest dreams would want that job at the moment. People are looking to him to drag Lloyd's kicking and screaming out of the last century but one and into the present day. There is a lot of hope riding on him and some people's expectations of him are unrealistic. I only hope that when he does not achieve all they are looking for, because he cannot achieve it, people don't blame him."

Coleridge says: "It wasn't my burning ambition to be chairman of Lloyd's. I suppose, if one is truthful, one didn't have to be an Einstein to realise if one wanted to be chairman of Lloyd's one could easily become so." He frequently exhibits that mixture of arrogance and honesty that comes from money, education and advancing years. He was 59 yesterday. He is said to be more forward looking than most of the past chairmen of Lloyd's but it is an irony that the institution should choose someone who is the personification of 19th century privilege to be the architect of its modernisation.

Coleridge was born in Bombay, India, the son of a wealthy cotton broker who had been badly injured in the first world war. He is a descendant of Samuel Taylor Coleridge, the poet, and has one brother, Anthony, who works for Christie's and is two years his junior.

"I had a very privileged upbringing. I was well looked after and very well educated," he says. "My mother was a top girl guide, a very competent woman, very kind too. She died of cancer when she was 60. My father lived quite a long time. He died when he was 82, but he was ten years older than my mother. I was very happy as a child."

The family returned to England when Coleridge was five. His father settled outside Liverpool, working on the Liverpool Cotton Exchange. Both he and his brother were educated at Eton, and Coleridge's sons attended the school. "It's a very fine school, very fine teaching, most of which I didn't benefit from enough. I wasn't particularly good at sport although I used to cox. I was very small then. If I went into a boat now it would sink," he says. He was destined to do his national service with the Green Jackets but was turned down because of his flat feet. He was not disappointed but the unexpected rejection meant that he did not have enough time to study for the Oxford entrance exam. It did not occur to him to apply to any other university.

Instead, he joined Lloyd's, working for Glanvill Enthoven for seven years before it was sold. He then joined Sturge, where he has been for 34 years. "I've never wanted to leave Lloyd's. It's very cloistered, it's a nice existence," he says. About the same time, he met his wife. They married when he was 23.

Coleridge says: "I probably met her at a party, that's normally how you meet girls isn't it? As long as you had a dinner jacket and a pair of white tails you had a good time in those days. There were a lot of parties and a lot of girls around. I don't think people worked as hard then. You weren't so tired and dead beat as you are now."

He became chairman of Sturge in 1978, but he knew almost ten years earlier that the job would be his. "There wasn't tremendous competition to be chairman of Sturge," he says. He and Rokeby-Johnson were partners, with the latter taking the role of chief underwriter. Rokeby-Johnson says: "There was never any jealousy. He might be ambitious but he's not the sort to knife anyone in the back."

Coleridge says: "I think people assume you are ruthless if you are chairman of any business. They imagine the only way you could have got there was by being absolutely bloody to everyone else. But the truth is I never had to be, although if someone has behaved badly I can be bloody rude. Becoming chairman of Sturge was easy and becoming chairman of Lloyd's wasn't difficult. I'm better educated than most people on the Council of Lloyd's. If you've had a privileged life, it's not very difficult." He says he almost always manages to do what he wants.

His family is the mainstay in his life. His wife says: "He loves organising his sons' lives. The elder two don't let him do it any more."

Nicholas, aged 34, is editorial director of Condé Nast Publications and author of a number of books. Timothy, aged 32, has ambitions to be an MP. He works at Sturge. Christopher, aged 20, is reading history at Oxford. "Christopher is probably the brightest. Nicholas is probably the most like me," says Coleridge.

"I've always been there for the family. I never missed any of their school events or any of their birthday parties. My view is that they are far more important than anything else. I think people who are too busy to go to the school play make a terrible mistake. Life is much too short, children are much too precious."

He will retire from Sturge in a couple of years and is unlikely to do more than two years as chairman of Lloyd's. Before then, he wants to recruit a new type of investor to Lloyd's. He is looking for high earners in their thirties and forties. In addition to a salary of between £50,000 and £100,000, the ideal candidate will have an unmortgaged home and £1 million in readily realisable assets.

Are there many of these people about? "There's no shortage of rich people in this world," he says. "A lot of people wouldn't call that rich now. It's only rich in newspaper terms. They're always going on about millionaires."

When he retires, he is likely to spend more time at his home in Midhurst, West Sussex, where he spends weekends. His weekday home is in Egerton Terrace, southwest London. Weekends are lazy affairs and, he says, when he retires, he would like to have time to do nothing. Susan says he enjoys mooching about and pottering about, doing odd jobs.

Coleridge says: "I like going to the races and I've played golf all my life. I don't do it much now. I'd rather read the papers in bed."

One of his interests is collecting 18th century watercolours. He especially likes Edward Lear's paintings of India. "I'd like to spend more time in Sotheby's and Christie's. I wouldn't just go and buy because you can't buy things the whole time. You wouldn't have any money if you did."

He may become more involved in politics. Years ago, he was a Conservative councillor on Chelsea council, and he is likely to spend more time with his local church. His faith is important to him but he does not wear it on his sleeve. "I think it's rather sad not to have a proper belief, it must make life rather meaningless," he says.

"I don't believe life is just a jolly that we go through and that's the end. I've never felt the need to set the world to rights. I know one shouldn't say it, but in my case, I've never had any reason to. The world has always been a perfectly nice place. I've never lacked anything I've wanted.

"At the same time, I am aware that there are a lot of people who have a miserable time and I'm jolly sorry for them. I'm not talking about losses at Lloyd's, I'm talking about real tragedy. The truth is I've never experienced it."

ADRIAN BROOKS



Family man: David Coleridge with Susan, his wife. He made a point of attending his sons' school events

US calls on Germany to help remove obstacles

Dunkel urges trade talks deadline

ARTHUR Dunkel, the director general of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, has joined the campaign to jumpstart the stalled world trade talks with a demand that the end of next year be the target for completion.

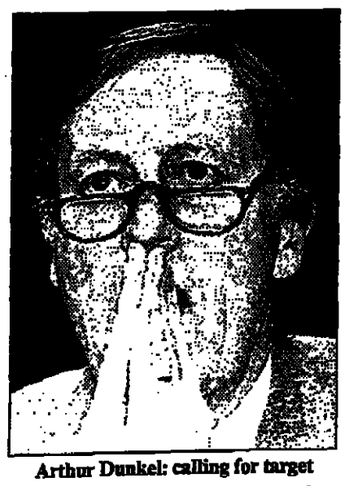
America, which opposes new deadlines, having seen the original target pass in December, after four years of talks, has called on Germany to help remove obstacles to progress caused by European farm subsidies.

The dispute over agricultural subsidies was the main cause of the breakdown in the talks in Brussels at the end of last year.

Carla Hills, the American trade representative, urged the European Community on Thursday to liberalise the subsidies soon, or risk seeing the trade talks fail.

Mr Dunkel, who has played a key role in keeping the Uruguay round ticking over since December, told its talks steering group in Geneva yesterday that the discussions could, and should, finish by December, a year late. He said recent developments should strengthen the resolve of the 108 countries involved to speed up the negotiating process.

Reflecting the views of trade ministers, who met in Paris this week, he said: "We must, therefore, move forward as quickly and constructively as possible. This is particularly important at this stage when we are poised for the final effort." Mr Dunkel identified increasing support for setting a year-end target. Many countries fear that to extend the round beyond then would mean coinciding with elections on both sides of the Atlantic.



Arthur Dunkel: calling for target

Despite this week's commitment by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development to give the Uruguay round top priority, officials of the European Commission have sought to pour cold water on hopes of an immediate solution to the core issue of farm subsidies. Agriculture is first on the agenda when trade diplomats meet in a private session in Geneva on Monday.

The negotiators have agreed to a tight timetable in an effort to achieve the breakthrough necessary to complete the Uruguay round.

If successful, the talks are expected to boost world trade and economic growth.

Edward Madigan, the American farm secretary, speaking in Berlin yesterday, called on Germany to take a sledgehammer to European farm subsidies in the same way as it did to the Berlin Wall.

He issued a warning that Congress was likely to turn to unilateral protectionist measures unless the trade talks opened world markets in farm goods.

He said: "If there is fear in Europe, it should be directed at the course of present policies. These policies are building agricultural surpluses at enormous cost to the consumers and taxpayers of western Europe and to the exporters of other nations, including many developing countries who wonder how they are to service their foreign debts."

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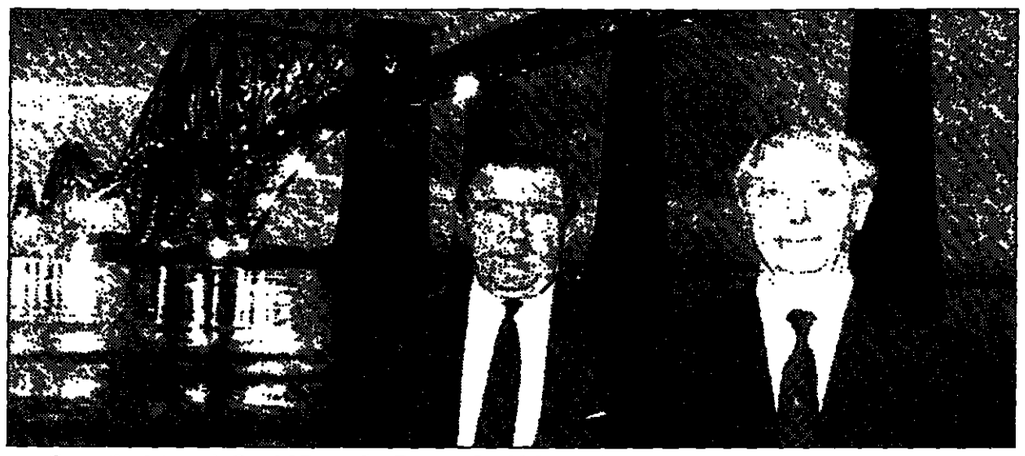
Scottish electricity sale lacks power

JIMMY and Sid have much in common. Sid filled his boots with British Gas shares. Now Jimmy, the archetypal Scot, is apparently ready to stuff his sporran with shares in the Scottish electricity companies. Or so the government's advisers would have us believe.

The free share and bonus incentives commend the issue to the small investor. But Jimmy should beware. These electricity companies, ScottishPower and Scottish Hydro Electric, are dissimilar hybrids. ScottishPower, twice the size of Hydro, earned only 70 per cent of profits from distribution and supply last year. The rest came from generation.

Hydro drew only 45 per cent of profits from its wires. It depends more heavily on generating and supplying electricity to industrial customers outside its franchise area. In a market opening up to competition, generation is seen as containing risks as well as the prospect of reward.

ScottishPower estimates its profit for the year to March at £144 million on sales of £1.25 billion. Hydro reckons it made £60.3 million on £566 million of sales. At the offer price of 240p a share, the government is selling ScottishPower for 11.7 times underlying earnings, with a yield of 5.1 per cent. Hydro is offered at 12.8 times underlying earnings with the same yield. Neither company pays a dividend until March 1992.



Generating interest in ScottishPower: Ian Preston, the chief executive, left, and Sir Donald Miller, the chairman

For Scottish investors who can choose between shares in their own board or both, Hydro is arguably the more attractive. It provides more of its output to the more stable domestic market, there are fewer shares on offer, British Gas is a less serious competitor and it should benefit from the "green effect", attracting ecology-conscious funds.

Yet they are less promising in terms of growth potential than National Power and PowerGen, with a p/e of 9.5 and 10.1 respectively and a yield of 5 per cent. They are also less secure than the regional supply companies, with yields of between 6.1 and 5.3 per cent. The City is unlikely to rush to buy Scottish stock; if the 30 per cent premium signalled in the "grey market" emerges, the yield drops to 4.6 per cent, where most institutions will be sellers.

The bonuses make the shares a decent long-term hold for the small investor. But on fundamentals, this is the least attractive privatisation for a long time. English investors especially should beware of the inevitable scaling down, given that Scottish applicants will be given first crack. Keep applications to a modest scale, the minimum £300 first instalment ideally south of the border, and salt the shares away.

Philips

FOREIGN stocks are not normally the stuff for widows or orphans, and with Philips, even hard-nosed professional investors take fright.

At 30.60 guilders (£9.19) per share, investors can either make a killing or lose a packet, because the current share price is almost the mathematical mean between hubris and nemesis.

With Jan Timmer as the new chairman, a recovery programme has begun, with 50,000 job losses and asset disposals. The programme is essential, but its timing might be too late, its outcome uncertain and the cost could drag the company down.

Last year, Philips lost Fl4.24 billion net. There was a small first-quarter profit this year, but the uncertainties, involving possibly further restructuring and exceptional charges, remain. A small profit is likely but only liars or fools could claim an accurate prediction.

In the short term, net asset value of Fl38 per share is likely to provide upside potential in the stock. But if Mr Timmer's strategy comes right, profits could, sooner rather than later, reach Fl2 billion, which suggests that the shares, trading at about five times earnings, are extremely cheap. If Philips was to be as profitable as a Japanese company of similar size, the upside would be enormous. If Mr Timmer fails, the downside is as great.

Cautious investors stay mainly on the sidelines

SHARE prices ended the week on a flat note, with investors deciding that discretion was the better part of valour.

Another dull start to trading on Wall Street meant that many investors were happy to stay on the sidelines, leaving the equity market in London to close near its low of the day, with the FT-SE 100 index 19.0 down at 2,506.3. The FT index of 30 shares also lost 18.9 at 1,955.2 in another day of thin trading that saw volume fall to only 393 million shares. The day began cautiously after the Dow Jones industrial average slid below the 3,000 level on Thursday night.

The latest poll, showing the Labour party extending its lead over the Conservatives, also affected confidence. But the general absence of sellers meant that falls were limited despite some of the solid gains earlier this week.

Government securities reacted to disappointing American unemployment figures with falls of about £¼ at the longer end.

The surprise dawn raid by **Taylor Woodrow**, 2p firmer at 224p, on the ordinary shares of the **YJ Lovell** construction group fell short of its target of 10 per cent. Charterhouse Tilney, the broker, which was acting for Taylor Woodrow, had netted just under 5 per cent by the close. Charterhouse bid 140p a share for stock but seems to have been thwarted by other dealers marking the price higher.

STOCK MARKET

YJ Lovell made an abortive bid for **Higgs and Hill**, a rival construction group, last year. Higgs ended 10p better at 270p.

The excitement generated by the raid on Lovell affected the rest of the sector with gains for **Barratt Developments**, 3p better at 113p, **Bryant Group**, 4p to 111p, **Crest Nicholson**, 5p to 103p, **John Laing**, 6p to 289p, **Alfred McAlpine**, 4p to 248p, and **John Mowlem**, 5p to 279p.

But the shares in **Egerton Trust**, a construction group, were suspended at 6½p before the appointment of an administrative receiver.

ICI fell 13p to £13.02 on profit-taking and the continued absence of bid news while **Hanson**, a near 3 per cent stake-holder, lost 5p at 222p. Dealers said that the much talked of restructuring proposals were due any time and could result in a number of joint ventures that would be aimed at fighting off Hanson.

BTR continued to lose ground on the back of this week's profits downgrading by County NatWest WoodMac, the broker, losing 12p to 392p.

Brent Walker touched 17p before rallying to close only 2p cheaper at 24p after the group released details of its restructuring. The plan includes the partial conversion of some of its debt into equity, resulting in a consortium of banks controlling more than 50 per cent of the company. The banks had been insisting on taking control of the group. This was one of the principal reasons for the departure of the founder, George Walker, as the chief executive.

BICC fell 10p to 438p after County NatWest WoodMac urged its clients to switch into GEC, 1½p easier at 193½p.

Geest, the banana importer, fell 9p to 336p as the controlling van Geest family disposed of a total of 10.9 million shares, or 16 per cent of the issued share capital, via Cazenove, the broker, at 325p each.

Trafalgar House, the shipping, property and construction group, advanced 8p to 250p on the back of fresh talk that **British Aerospace** may launch a bid as a way of diversifying into other areas less reliant on government expenditure on defence. Bae was 1p cheaper at 598p.

The water companies remained overshadowed by worries that Ofwat, the industry's regulatory body, will force the companies to restrain dividend growth. **Anglian** fell 2p to 294p, **North West** 6p to 285p, **Severn Trent** 7p to 258p, **Southern** 7p to 256p, **South West** 7p to 273p, **Thames** 2p to 298p, **Welsh** 4p to 312p, **Wessex** 7p to 324p and **Yorkshire** 3p to 313p.

MICHAEL CLARK

WALL STREET

New York

THE Dow Jones industrial average was down 3 points at 2,991.86 in early dealings after dropping nearly 11 points at the opening on futures-related selling. The bond market, knocked by news of an unexpected rise in American payrolls outside the farm sector in May, remained sharply lower and continued to put pressure on share prices. *(Reuter)*

	Jun 7 midday	Jun 6 close		Jun 7 midday	Jun 6 close		Jun 7 midday	Jun 6 close
Abbott Lab	49¾	50	Enron	60¼	60¼	Oryx Energy	34	34¼
Aetna Life	41⅞	42¼	Entergy	24	24⅛	Pac Enl	29¼	29¼
Ahmanson	19	19¼	Exxon	59	59⅝	Pac Gas Elec	25¾	25¾
Air Prods	71⅝	72⅜	Ford	57⅜	58	Pac Telesis	38¼	38¾
Albertsons	45⅝	45⅝	Fed NMA	46¼	46¼	Pacific	46	46⅜
Alcan Al	20⅝	21⅛	Fedal Expss	40	40⅜	Pacificorp	20⅛	20¼
Alco Stand	32⅝	32⅝	FR Nonstar	28¾	28⅝	Pall	37¼	38¼
Allied Signal	38⅝	39⅛	Fluor	49¼	49⅝	Parkmount	43¾	44¼
Alumin CA	69⅝	69⅝	FMC	43	43	Parker-Hanin	27¾	28⅛
Am Brands	39⅛	40⅛	Ford Motor	36⅝	36⅝	Pearkey	52¾	53⅜
Am Cyanmid	64¼	65	FPL	30⅜	30⅜	Pennzoil	89¾	89¾
Am EPC	29⅛	29⅛	Fst Chicago	27⅜	28	Pepsico	30¾	30⅞
Am General	38⅝	38⅝	Fst Interstate	39⅝	41⅜	Pfizer	56⅝	56⅝
Am Home	88⅛	89¼	Fst Union	22⅝	22¾	Philips Pet	27⅛	27⅛
Am Intl	89¼	90⅛	Gannett	48⅝	48⅝	Phillips Elec	18¾	19⅛
Am Medical	12⅜	12⅝	Gen Dynams	32⅞	33⅛	Prop Mgmts	88¾	88⅞
Am Stores	84¼	85¼	Gen Elec	74⅜	75⅝	Phips Dodge	65¼	64¾
Amax	24	24¼	Gen Mills	55⅝	55⅝	Pitney Bow	59¼	59¾
Amer Hese	55⅝	56⅛	Gen Motors	41¼	41¾	Pitr Dome	12⅜	13⅛
Ameritech	57	57⅛	Gen RE	35⅝	35	PNC Fnd	37	37⅛
Amoco	24⅝	24⅝	Gen Signal	45⅛	45⅝	Prndle Elec	12¾	12¾
Amoco	62⅝	62⅝	Genentech	28⅜	29⅛	Polaroid	24⅛	24⅜
AMP	53⅛	54⅛	Genuine Pts	41¾	42⅛	PPG Inds	63¼	63⅜
AMR	65⅝	66	Georgia-Pac	63⅜	64⅛	Prctr Gamble	82¾	82⅝
Anheuser-B	46	46⅛	Gillette	56⅜	57⅜	Price	57¾	58¼
Apple Comp	45⅞	46⅜	Goodrich	56	56⅛	Primerica	30¼	30⅝
Archer-Dan	22⅞	22⅝	Goodyear	31⅜	32⅛	Pub Service	25⅝	25⅝
Arkla	18⅛	18⅛	Grace	32⅝	33⅜	Quaker Oats	57⅞	58¼
Armstrong	28⅛	28⅞	Greyhound	34⅛	34⅜	Raison Pur	58⅞	59⅛
Asarco	27	27	Gt Atlantic	47⅛	47⅝	Raychem	30¾	30¾
Ashland Oil	31½	32	Gt Western	17⅜	18⅝	Raytheon	82¾	84
AT&T	38⅝	38⅝	GTE	29⅛	29⅝	Reebok	23⅜	23
Atlan Richfld	121	122¼	Halliburtn	43¼	44	Roadway	56⅝	56⅛
Auto DP	38	38	Heinz	37¼	37¾	Rockwell	27¾	27¾
Avery Intl	24¾	25	Hercules	40⅝	40⅞	Rohm Haas	42¾	42¾
Avnet Prod	44½	44¾	Hershey Fd	43⅝	43	Royal Dutch	79¾	80¾
Baltimore	28¾	28⅝	Hewlett Pkd	62¾	63	Ryder Sys	28¼	28⅝
Banc One	39⅞	39⅝	Hilton Hd	46⅝	48	Rykoke Md	60⅝	62
Bankamerica	39⅜	39⅝	Home Depot	65	66¾	Safeco	40⅝	40⅝
Bard	25½	25⅝	Homestake	15⅝	16⅛	Salomon	33¾	34¼
Bamett Bk	31¼	31⅝	Honeywell	61¼	62⅝	Sant Fe Pac	9¾	9¾
Baxuch Lmb	83¾	84	Houston Ind	35⅞	36	Sara Lee	38	38⅝
Bankr Intl	52¾	53⅜	Hughid Intl	51	51⅜	Schercorp	39¾	39⅞
Bec Dickin	74⅝	76	Humana	49⅜	49⅝	Schlumbrgr	61	61⅜
Bell Atlan	44¾	44⅝	IBM	102	102⅝	Schrg-Plgh	50⅝	50⅝
Bellsouth	47⅝	47⅝	IFSF	78¼	79¾	Scott Papr	43	43⅜
Blr Hughes	25⅝	26⅜	Illnois TW	66	66	Seagram	104⅜	106¼
Black Decker	15	15	Imco	35⅝	35⅝	Sears Rbk	36¼	36⅜
Block	52¼	53	Impad-Rand	57⅝	57⅝	Sherrty Pac	28¼	29⅝
Bnkrs Tst NY	54¼	55	Inland Steel	21¼	21⅜	Shwin-Wllms	28⅝	28⅝
Boeing	46	47¾	Intel	51¾	53⅛	Skyline	16⅛	16⅜
Boise Casc	26¾	27	Intl Paper	71¾	72⅝	Smap-on Tls	30¾	30⅝
Borden	39⅝	39⅝	ITT	61¼	62¾	Southern	26⅝	26⅝
Brist-Myer	79¾	79⅝	James River	25⅝	25⅝	St Paul	64⅝	64¾
Brownig-Fer	29¾	29¾	Johnsn John	66¾	66⅜	Stanley Wk	37¾	38¼
Burl Nthl	32¾	33	K Mart	47¾	47⅝	Stone Cntr	20¾	21⅛
CAI	9¾	9¾	Kellogg	66	66⅜	Sun Co	32⅜	32⅝
Campbell Sp	74⅛	76¼	Kerr-McGee	42⅝	43	Suntst Elc	29¾	29⅝
Cap Cit/AL	460¾	468¾	Kimbly-Clrk	94¾	94⅞	Super Valu	29¾	29⅞
Capital HC	48¾	49¾	Knight-Ridr	55¾	56⅜	SW Bell	49⅜	50
Carolina	45⅝	45⅞	Lilly	76⅜	77¼	Symtec	36⅝	36⅜
Caterpillar	51¼	51½	Limited	28⅝	29	Sysco	41¾	42¾
CBS	181	181½	Lin Bnkcasg	84¾	86⅜	Tandem	16⅜	17
Central SW	44¼	44⅞	Lincln Nat	46¾	47¼	Tandy	33¾	33⅞
Champion	27⅛	28⅛	Litton Ind	81⅞	82	Tele-comm	15¾	15⅞
Chase Man	20⅝	20⅜	Lockheed	39⅝	40⅝	Teledyne	19¼	19¼
Chem Bnkg	23⅝	23	Loslx-Pac	40⅝	41¼	Temple-In	44¼	45⅝
Chevron	73⅝	74¼	Manu Hano	27	28¼	Tenneco	43⅞	43⅝
Chrysler	14	14⅜	Marrikx	18¾	19⅜	Texaco	64¼	64⅜
Chubb	72⅞	72⅝	Marsh Mclen	76	77⅞	Texas Inst	37⅝	38⅝
Cigna	48⅝	49	Martin Mar	56⅝	57¾	Texas Utl	35¾	35⅞
Cilcorp	17¼	17¼	Masco	24¼	24⅜	Textron	33	34
Clorox Ltz	48	48	May Dept	57⅜	58¼	Thm Wrnr	92⅝	98⅛
Clorox	40	39¾	Maytag	15⅝	16⅜	Times Mirr	29⅜	29⅝
Cmwlth Edis	36⅝	36¾	McDnl Doug	52⅝	53⅛	Timken	28⅞	28⅝
DNA Plod	79⅞	79	McDonalds	64	64⅛	Torchmark	53⅝	54⅞
Coastal	33⅞	34⅛	McGraw-Hill	61⅜	63⅜	Toys R Us	28⅝	29⅛
Coca-Cola	55	54¾	MCI Com	23¾	23½	Transamr	33⅜	33⅝
Colgate-Pal	39⅝	39⅝	Mead	34⅛	35¼	Travelers	24¾	24⅝
Columb Gas	38⅝	38⅝	Medtronic	113⅝	113⅝	Tribune	44	44
Compaq	39⅝	39⅝	Merlin Bk	21⅞	22	TRW	41¼	42⅜
Consgra	43⅝	44⅛	Melvin	32¾	32¾	Tyco Lab	49¾	49⅞
Cons Edis	23⅝	23⅝	Merck	114¾	115¾	UAL	152⅜	154
Cons NG	42⅜	43	Merl Lynch	40⅝	41¼	Un Camp	44¾	45¼
Cons Rail	56⅝	57⅜	MMM	82⅝	83¼	Un Carbide	20⅞	21
Cooper Ind	54⅜	55¼	Mobil	65⅝	65¾	Un Pacific	88⅝	89¾
Corning	52⅝	53	Monsanto	84¾	85	Unilever	83¾	84¼
CPC Intl	65⅝	66¾	Moore	27¾	27⅞	Unisys	4¼	4¾
Crown Cork	75⅝	76	Morgan	54⅝	55	Unocal	25¾	25¾
CSX	46¾	47	Motorola	65¾	66⅛	Upjohn	45⅜	45¾
Dana	34¼	34¼	Nat Medical	44⅛	45	US West	35⅝	36
Dayton-Hud	74⅜	76⅝	Nat Semi	6⅝	6⅝	Utsar Gp	17¾	17¾
Deere	53¾	54⅝	Nat Service	23¾	25⅜	USF&G	8⅝	8⅝
Delta Air	72¾	73	Navistar	3⅜	3⅛	US Life	39⅝	40
Deluxe	42⅝	42⅝	NCNB	42¾	42⅝	UST	42⅝	42⅝
Detroit Ed	28⅝	29	NCR	104¾	105	USX Mar	n/a	n/a
Digital Eq	87¾	88¼	NED Emp	38¾	38⅝	Utd Tech	46¼	46¼
Dillard	122¾	125¾	Newmnt Min	38⅛	38⅜	Utd Telcm	27¾	28
Disney	114⅝	116	Nicor Mtwk	15⅜	15¾	VF	30⅝	31
Dominion	46¾	46¾	Nike	41¼	41⅝	Wal-Mart	41¼	41¾
Donnelley	46	47¼	NL Indstrs	15	15⅛	Waste Mgmt	40¾	40¾
Dover	41¼	41¾	Nordstrom	45⅝	47¼	Wells Fargo	95	96¼
Dow Chem	56¼	56	Norfk Sthn	48¾	48⅝	Westg Elec	29¾	30
Dow Jones	28¾	28⅝	Norwest	28⅜	28¾	Weyerhsr	28⅜	28¾
Dresser Ind	21¾	22¼	Nstn St Pwr	33⅝	33⅝	Whirlpool	32¾	32¾
Du Pont	48¾	48⅝	Ntnl Telcm	37⅝	37⅝	Whittman	13¾	13¾
Duke Pwr	27⅞	27¾	NY Times	24	24⅜	Wmn-Dixie	38⅝	38¾
Dun Bradst	47¾	48	Nynex	69¾	70	Woolworth	32	32⅜
East Kodak	43	43	Occid Petri	21¾	21⅝	Wrigley	89¾	90¾
Eaton	60⅛	60⅜	Ohio Ed	17⅜	17⅜	Wstn-Lamb	71	71⅛
Emerson El	46¾	47¾	Oracle Sys	9¾	9¾	Xerox	64¾	65

UNIT LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
AETNA LIFE INSURANCE				
491, St John Street, London EC1V 4QE				
071-837 6464				
Life Funds				
Squirrel	15.13	15.93	..	..
Bear	18.1	18.9	+ ..	..
Owl	15.61	16.44	+0.05	..
Bull	14.58	15.35	+0.22	..
Stag	14.85	15.74	+0.12	..
Gilt Edged	13.78		-0.10	..
Deposit	13.5		+ ..	..
Pensions				
Squirrel	18.22	20.24	+0.64	..
Bear	18.04	20.05	+0.05	..
Owl	19.51	20.96	+0.14	..
Bull	17.73	18.97	+0.29	..
Stag	17.73	18.46	+0.17	..
Gilt Edged	16.1		-0.1	..
Deposit	16.29		+0.02	..
Exempt App Mixed	188.8	190.8	+1.57	..
ASSET LIFE				
18, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL				
0202 292373				
Property Fund Inc	270.8	284.9	..	..
Do Accum	438.7	462.9	..	..
Equity Fund Income	138.8	137.5	+0.6	..
Do Accum	155.8	154.1	+0.6	..
Selective Fund	358.8	376.8	+0.4	..
Money Fund	310.1	326.5	+0.5	..
Prop Fd Ser 4	362.4	371.0	-0.1	..
Equity Ser 4	158.8	167.3	+0.6	..
Man Ser 4	470.2	494.8	+1.2	..
Conv Ser 4	274.6	289.1	+0.4	..
Money Ser 4	274.4	288.8	+0.4	..
Fixed Int Fd Ser 4	232.8	239.2	-1.0	..
American Ser 4	248.0	260.8	+2.4	..
High Inc Ser 4	488.6	525.9	+1.1	..
Indexed Inv Ser 4	158.5	164.8	-0.4	..
Japan Ser 4	298.2	315.0	-0.9	..
ASTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
10 Queens Terrst Aberdeen AB9 1QJ				
Freephone 0800 838 580				
International	213.8	224.9	+2.89	..
High Income	188.2	199.2	..	..
Income & Growth	206.0	214.7	+4.10	..
Basic Resource	128.6	135.5	+1.48	..
American	205.2	215.1	+4.76	..
Japan & General	415.5	437.4	+5.87	..
Special Situations	242.7	255.5	+3.39	..
ALBANY LIFE				
3, Darkes Lane, Potters Bar				
0707 53611				
Equity Fd Acc	£11.70	12.31	+0.12	..
European Fd Accum	263.8	277.7	+1.2	..
Fixed Int Acc	266.0	405.2	-1.8	..
Gld Money Fd Acc	280.4	295.1	+0.2	..
Intl Man Fd Acc	429.8	445.1	+0.5	..
Int Fad Int Fd Acc	231.6	243.8	+0.39	..
Japan Fund	271.7	286.0	+2.7	..
Nth American Fd Acc	232.2	244.4	+2.54	..
Prop Fd Acc	333.2	350.7	+0.2	..
Multiple Inv Acc	772.7	813.5	+5.2	..
ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE				
Swindon SN1 1EL				
0793-514514				
Fixed Int Dep Accum	314.2	330.6	+0.4	..
Equity Accum	£10.08	10.61	+0.05	..
Property Accum	504.8	531.4	+0.1	..
Far East Accum	269.1	283.3	-1.5	..
Managed Capital	422.2	444.6	+0.9	..
Do Accum	786.4	827.5	+2.5	..
Overseas Accum	664.8	700.0	+3.6	..
Gilt Edged Accum	349.4	377.8	+0.6	..
Amer Equity Accum	1622.3	1707.4	+5.0	..
Amer Men Accum	246.5	259.5	+1.2	..
Amer Prop Accum	128.5	135.3	+0.6	..
BARCLAYS LIFE				
252, Romford Rd, London E7 9JR				
081-534 5544				
Equity Accum	909.7	941.6	+2.5	..
Do Initial	455.8	476.8	+1.2	..
Gilt Edged Accum	298.4	300.5	-1.8	..
Do Initial	201.4	212.8	-1.1	..
International Accum	291.4	306.8	-0.2	..
Do Initial	216.0	228.6	+0.4	..
Managed Accum	362.3	377.5	+0.6	..
Do Initial	280.3	292.9	+0.4	..
Money Accum	245.1	258.1	+0.4	..
Do Initial	178.4	187.8	+0.2	..
Property Accum	272.8	287.0	+0.2	..
Do Initial	202.5	213.3	..	..
America Accum	194.7	205.0	+1.4	..
Do Initial	148.2	156.1	+1.1	..
Australia Accum	146.3	153.2	-0.5	..
Do Initial	111.0	116.8	-1.0	..
Pacific Rimland Accum	132.5	144.6	-1.5	..
Do Initial	177.1	186.5	-0.4	..
500 Accum	269.9	283.8	+0.5	..
Do Initial	220.1	244.4	+0.3	..
Japan Eden Acc 2	330.3	347.7	+2.5	..
Do Initial 2	248.8	258.6	-1.7	..
Income Accum	278.3	288.5	+0.2	..
Do Initial	238.6	307.0	+0.1	..
Leisure Accum	191.1	201.2	+1.5	..
Special Sits Accum	160.6	168.6	+1.2	..
Unit Trust Accum	108.7	114.5	+0.7	..
Do Initial	84.8	89.3	+0.6	..
BLACK HORSE LIFE				
Westminster House Chatham Kent ME4 4JF				
0634 834000				
The Managed Fund	565.64		+5.60	..
Income Fund	364.7	616.5	+6.02	..
Extra Income Fund	531.6	568.6	+14.31	..
Worldwide Growth Fd	570.1	591.7	+5.78	..
Balanced Fund	481.8	517.8	+5.28	..
Smlr Cos & Re Fd	469.0	492.8	+1.78	..
Int Technology Fund	357.8	375.8	+9.08	..
M Amer & Gen Fund	283.8	298.4	+7.86	..
Energy Int. Fund	124.8	130.5	+0.99	..
Pacific Basin Fund	350.1	365.4	+3.71	..
German Growth Fd	179.2	187.6	+0.70	..
Japan Growth Fd	188.3	198.9	+1.19	..
The UK Gth Fd	162.8	171.5	+1.57	..
Const Euro Gth	89.80	94.64	+1.07	..
Property Fund	311.8	328.4	+0.38	..
Fixed Interest Fund	237.1	249.5	-1.52	..
Cash Fund	239.7	252.3	+0.58	..
Managed Inv Fund	365.4	388.6	+2.48	..
Nth Amer Recov	173.2	182.3	+0.90	..
Abbrev Fund				
Managed Growth	317.3	334.0	+5.46	..
CANADA LIFE				
2-5, High St, Potters Bar, Herts				
P Bar 51122				
Equity Growth	208.9		..	..
Managed	257.5	270.0	+0.4	..
Property	179.2	188.7	+0.1	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	166.9	177.6	-1.2	..
Index-Linked	149.9	157.9	-0.3	..
Equity	222.4	276.3	..	..
Cash	186.0	195.8	+0.1	..
Can Life Euro Mg Fd	248.2	261.3	+2.4	..
Can Life Int Fd	269.9	274.7	+0.5	..
CANNON ASSURANCE				
1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB				
081-902 8876				
Capital Gth Acc	96.8	102.2	+0.7	..
Equity Units	94.18		+0.92	..
Property Units	227.8		+ ..	..
Bal Bd Growth Unit	548.48	51.31	+0.08	..
2nd Equity Accum	480.3	508.3	+4.3	..
2nd High Inc/Accum	472.3	499.8	+3.9	..
2nd Property Accum	255.4	270.3	+0.5	..
2nd Managed 2 Acc	139.0	147.1	-0.2	..
2nd Managed Accum	241.1	261.0	-0.2	..
2nd Managed 4 Acc	162.4	171.8	+0.9	..
2nd Deposit Accum	238.0	252.9	+0.4	..
2nd Cash Accum	220.8	233.7	-1.0	..
2nd Amer Accum	140.4	148.1	+1.0	..
2nd Intl Money Ac	203.2	215.0	+0.2	..
2nd Index Accum	146.2	153.7	+0.4	..
2nd Far East Accum	317.8	336.1	-5.5	..
2nd Deposit Accum	111.6	118.1	+0.2	..
2nd Euro Accum	123.2	130.4	+2.0	..
2nd Japan Accum	181.9	191.5	-1.7	..
2nd Heritage Acc	71.5	75.7	..	..
2nd Intl Corr Bond	111.3	118.4	-1.0	..
CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE				
Surrey House, 800, Avebury Blvd,				
Cntl Milton Keynes MK9 2LA				
0908-606101				
Property Fund	208.0	218.9	..	..
Money Fund	317.1	333.8	+0.3	..
Managed Fund	453.1	476.9	+0.5	..
Equity Fund	258.4	269.9	+3.0	..
Fixed Interest Fund	175.0	184.3	..	..
Far East Fund	367.3	407.7	..	..
Nth Amer Fund	174.2	183.4	..	..
Net Resources Fund	238.0	248.5	..	..
CLERICAL MEDICAL/EQUITY INTERNATIONAL				
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH				
0272 229383				
Assurance Funds				
Sapphire Mixed	209.6	220.6	-0.2	..
Ruby	114.4	120.5	-0.5	..
Emerald	111.8	117.7	..	..
Equity	244.5	257.4	+0.1	..
Property	182.7	192.4	-0.1	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	148.5	157.4	-0.2	..
Indexed Secs	129.3	136.1	-0.9	..
Cash	168.6	164.9	+0.2	..
Nth American	150.3	158.2	-0.4	..
Far East	202.8	213.5	-2.5	..
International	163.4	172.1	-0.8	..
Special Sits	203.3	214.5	-1.1	..
Intl Income	214.0	225.3	+0.1	..
American Inc	134.0	141.1	+0.9	..
European	228.0	240.0	+2.0	..
Japanese	122.3	128.8	+0.6	..
SE Asia	188.1	198.0	+0.8	..
Home Inv WP Reg	134.3	130.8	+0.1	..
Home Inv WP Spec	134.3	130.8	+0.1	..
Flexible Retirement Plans Funds				
Mixed	216.0	226.4	+1.1	..
Equity	268.7	272.4	+2.8	..
Property	156.2	163.4	-0.1	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	167.8	176.7	-0.5	..
Index Linked	139.4	146.8	-0.7	..
Cash	156.0	206.4	+0.5	..
Nth American	177.0	186.4	+0.1	..
Far East Acc	253.3	241.4	-2.9	..
International Acc	169.3	239.8	-1.5	..
Special Sits	292.8	308.1	+1.2	..
European Plus	286.5	301.9	+1.7	..
COLONIAL MUTUAL				
24 Ludgate Hill, London EC4P 4BD				
071-248 9981				
CML U AsstKey	189.04		..	..
CML U AssPrudentic	257.3		..	..
CML U AssCash	175.0	184.2	+0.28	..
CML U AssEquity	418.8	440.8	+5.83	..
CML U AssFI	248.9	259.8	+4.21	..
CML U AssMngd	305.0

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No.	Company	Group	Gains or loss
1	Marley	Building,Roads	
2	Wilding Office	Drapery,Stores	
3	Bryant	Building,Roads	
4	Drummond	Textiles	
5	Slough Estates	Property	
6	Hicking Pentecost	Textiles	
7	Barratt Devs	Building,Roads	
8	Northumbrian	Water	
9	Warburg SG	Banks,Discount	
10	Lamont	Textiles	
11	Portsmouth Sand	Newspapers,Pub	
12	Argyll	Foods	
13	Honda Motor	Motors,Aircraft	
14	Microgen	Electricals	
15	Park Foods	Foods	
16	Reuters	Industrials L-R	
17	Lookers	Motors,Aircraft	
18	Fyffes	Foods	
19	Vaux Group	Breweries	
20	McAlpine (Alfred)	Building,Roads	
21	Young (H)	Industrials S-Z	
22	APV	Industrials A-D	
23	Woodside	Oil,Gas	
24	Blacks Leis	Drapery,Stores	
25	Tibbet & Britten	Transport	
26	Birtdale	Paper,Print,Adv	
27	Mowlem (John)	Building,Roads	
28	Carlton Comm	Leisure	
29	Wolseley	Industrials S-Z	
30	Baird (Wm)	Industrials A-D	
31	Wholesale Fittings	Electricals	
32	Ransom Group	Drapery,Stores	
33	BM Gp	Industrials A-D	
34	Wolverhmptn & D	Breweries	
35	Swire Pacific 'A'	Industrials S-Z	
36	Bowater	Industrials A-D	
37	Booker	Foods	
38	Enterprise	Oil,Gas	
39	Persimmon	Building,Roads	
40	Hawker Siddly	Industrials E-K	
41	Seaps	Industrials S-Z	
42	Bellway	Building,Roads	
43	Crest Nicholson	Building,Roads	
44	Br Polythene	Industrials A-D	
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Shares fall on light selling

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ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL. Tel: 0345 717373 (Lifelines)

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Abbeytrst Acc	90.30	95.60p	-0.06	2.02
Intl	93.68	97.95	+0.02	1.42
Div/Gth	50.70	53.93	-0.15	5.58
Global Gth Sec	51.39	54.67	-0.11	1.83
Extra	49.96	52.99p	-0.04	3.11
High Inc Equity	138.0	146.8	-0.2	8.71
Wrlde Bond	204.9	217.2p		8.91
Gilt/Fixed	110.0	116.9p	-0.1	8.86

ARTHUR MANAGEMENT LTD
10, Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ. Tel: 0224 632676 dealing (Freephone) 0800 626929
30, Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7DD Tel: 071-374 6847

Am Inc/Gth	91.28	93.22	+0.16	2.41
Euro	74.48	78.98	+0.08	0.00
Euro Inc	77.06	81.30p	+0.16	1.61
Europr	769.4	784.8	-1.1	5.94
Exempt Inc	99.30	104.59p	-0.29	3.98
Far Eastern Ex	54.22	58.23	-0.02	1.10

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL. Tel: 0793 514014 dealing 0793 610366

High Inc	368.8	379.2	-1.5	5.29
Stability Inc	195.0	207.8	-0.2	5.15
High Yield	205.5	218.9p		5.29
Balanced	633.0	666.6p	-3.4	3.94
Am Inc	30.53	37.52	+0.14	4.06
World Acc Val	33.05	35.45	+0.07	1.58
Recov	138.7	146.7	-0.9	0.91
Sec of Am	313.0	333.3p	-1.3	0.91

BARCLAYS UNICORN
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 Tel: 081-534 5544

Capl	89.04	95.88	+0.03	3.58
Euro Gth Inc	96.84	103.4	+0.08	1.35
Extra Inc	95.46	102.1	-0.20	5.17
General	198.0	211.8	+0.5	3.81
Gth/Fxd Income	50.21	53.64p	-0.10	10.22
Inc Trust	437.3	467.7	+0.1	5.58

BARING FUND MANAGERS
PO Box 188, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XX Tel: 081-658 3000

Amer Gth	67.22	71.16	-0.01	0.50
Asn Sm Cos	76.94	80.66p	-0.29	0.50
Australia	68.88	69.61p	-0.66	1.50
Convertible	46.68	49.20p	+0.16	4.00
East	138.4	147.8	-0.5	1.20
Equity Inc	75.94	80.79p	-0.29	6.46
Euro Gth	181.5	192.9p	+0.2	2.70
Euro Smlr Cos	159.5	169.6p	-1.4	1.30
Exempt	68.58	71.93	-..	4.16
German Gth	48.69	49.81p	+0.05	0.86
Global Gth	85.08	90.48	-0.58	0.10
Jap Gth	169.8	178.6	+0.7	0.00
Jap Smlrs	149.2	159.2	-0.7	0.00
Pacific	96.57	100.7	-0.02	3.70
Pr Acc	182.5	193.2	-0.1	3.70
UK Growth	36.28	39.86c	+0.30	3.60
UK Smlr Cos	71.33	76.29p	-0.07	3.46
Select Man	93.33	98.73	+0.01	2.40

BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD
150, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA Tel: 041-332 3132

Britan Gth Acc	79.24	84.75	-0.02	3.15
Do Inc	75.05	80.28	-0.02	3.15
Global Bond	92.29	93.64p	+0.02	9.25
High Yield Acc	41.37	44.24	-0.05	4.49
Do Inc	39.02	35.31	-0.04	4.48
Int Gth Acc	92.58	99.04p	+0.01	3.36
Do Inc	44.07	47.14p	+0.01	4.35
Service Co Acc	66.95	70.54p	+0.04	2.45
Do Inc	62.89	67.26p	+0.03	2.43
Smlr Cos Acc	71.58	76.56p	+0.04	2.36
Do Inc	51.92	54.14	-0.17	1.51
Euro Gth Acc	27.83	29.55	+0.16	1.56
Do Inc	27.11	28.00	+0.15	1.56
Managed Port	35.16	38.90	+0.01	0.00

BROWN SHIPLEY
Founders Court, Lothbury EC2R 7HE Tel: 071-606 9808

Financial	110.6	117.8	-0.1	4.01
Smlr Cos Acc	110.2	117.3	-0.2	0.00
Do Inc	112.0	119.3	-0.2	1.69
High Inc	67.5	72.0	-0.2	6.07
Income	99.81	107.5	+0.79	8.04
Man Fund Inc	95.01	99.41	+0.05	3.26
Do Acc	159.9	160.7	+0.1	3.26
Nth Amer	76.70	81.89	-0.25	0.27
Orient	109.7	116.9	-0.5	0.38
Pacific	93.34	99.58	-0.39	0.47
Recov	93.34	99.70p	+0.38	2.55
German	37.98	40.70	+0.46	0.10
Intl Recov	39.85	39.40	-..	0.00
Europe	91.18	97.24	+0.14	0.50
Comr Genrl	13.44	13.86p	-0.06	0.00

BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT
Bamford Hse, 10 St Botolph St London EC3A 7JA Tel: 071-247 4942 Dealing 01-247 7474

Fellowship Inc	54.84	57.81	-..	2.46
Do Acc	58.58	62.34	-..	2.46
Inc Fund 3	165.3	173.8	-0.9	5.52
Do Acc 3	360.7	373.1	-1.5	5.52
Inv Port Inc	89.35	95.22	+0.06	3.15
Do Acc	97.60	99.62	+0.06	3.15
Smlr Cos 5	71.76	76.42	-0.2	0.00
Do Acc	104.4	110.7	+0.2	0.16
Hi Inc Prf Inc	46.51	50.37p	-0.21	6.11

BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
117 Fenchurch Street London EC3M 5AL. Tel: 071-488 7210
Shr Gt Pad Int 80.98 81.78 +0.01 7.03

CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD
PO Box 700 Manchester M60 0AH Tel: 061-832 8585

Environ	103.6	107.1p	+0.2	2.48
UK Growth	113.8	121.1	+0.2	2.85
UK Income	108.2	113.0	-0.2	5.85

CANNON FUND MANAGERS
1, Olympia Way, Wembley Middx HA9 0NB Tel: 081-902 8876

GE Acc	82.85	86.91	-0.06	2.02
Growth	39.60	42.25s	+0.16	0.00
Income	48.74	52.13s	+0.06	6.10
Far East	39.47	42.22s	-0.16	0.60
Nth Amer	50.54	54.05s	-0.23	0.00
Pacific	61.07	61.04	-0.30	1.26
European	83.01	87.39	+0.86	1.77
Japan	99.11	106.0	-0.58	0.01
Strategic Opp	46.98	50.25s	+0.21	2.16
Intl Currency	46.24	49.02	-0.26	8.66

CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
25 Foundry Street, Manchester M22AF Tel: Enquiries: 061-236 5685 Dealings: 061-236 5562

Capability Trusts				
Am & Gen	93.69	99.66	-0.55	0.40
Do Acc	93.70	106.3	-0.56	0.40
European	82.01	87.28	-0.49	1.47
Do Acc	81.80	85.45	-0.09	1.47
F East/Gen	50.39	53.61p	-0.46	0.00
Do Acc	50.39	53.61p	-0.46	0.00
Gth/Inc	236.5	251.7	-0.7	3.11
Do Acc	239.4	272.8	-0.8	3.11
Growth	267.8	305.1	+0.8	3.06
Do Acc	468.5	486.9	-1.0	3.06
Inc Accln Inc	324.6	345.4	-1.1	5.09
Do Acc	394.3	419.5	-1.0	5.09
Money Portfo	238.48	67.98	-0.18	2.66
Do Acc	232.66	66.53	-0.20	2.66
Spec Sits	69.74	67.81	-0.16	3.11
Do Acc	70.94	75.47	-0.17	3.11

Exempt Fund
High Yld Exmt 210.13 10.458 -0.03 5.71
Do Acc 210.93 11.279 -0.03 5.71

CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT
3, Harbour Exchange Square, London, E14 9GA. Tel: Teletrader: 071-985 9000
Dealings: 071-985 9966

Amer Index	148.7	159.7	-1.0	1.66
Capl	461.2	482.2	-1.8	4.05
Euro Index	118.2	126.8	-0.2	1.78
Euro Growth	73.51	78.45	-0.15	1.74
Far East S S	69.79	74.48	-0.22	1.22
Gold Gen S S	65.83	70.05c	+0.57	0.30
Income	499.3	499.3	+0.3	4.22
Intl Gth	63.67	67.96c	-0.20	2.69
Jap Index	85.44	89.88	-0.36	0.20
N Amer	305.4	323.8	-2.4	1.66
Tiger Index	94.92	101.3	-..	1.10
UK Index	107.6	114.7	-..	4.09

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
18 Tokenhouse Yard, London EC2R 7AN. Tel: 071-606 5708

Amer Port	58.01	62.09p	+0.09	1.79
Euro Port	64.75	68.09	+0.46	0.86
Jap Port	45.98	48.96	-0.24	0.00
Pacific Port	60.17	64.70p	+0.40	3.44
Port	59.82	63.96	+0.13	2.86
UK Inc/Gth	56.29	60.47	+0.16	4.78

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2, Pans Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 071-588 1815

Inv	538.5	545.59	-..	5.21
Fixed Int	136.8	137.49	-..	10.65
Deposit	100.0		-..	11.85

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
2, Pans Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 071-588 1815

Income	618.1	618.7	-..	5.53
Acc	218.48	18.70	-..	--
Deposit	100.0		-..	11.85
Fixed Int Inc	110.5	110.7	-..	10.48
Do Acc	120.9	121.1s	-..	--

CHIBAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
PO Box 135 Beckenham Kent BR3 4PN Tel: 081-663 3030

Euro Gth	89.28	97.98	+0.47	1.51
1992 Euro Spc	62.48	68.62	+0.36	1.49
Intl Inc	59.4	71.09	+0.1	5.02
NAm Gth	91.51	94.67	-0.43	1.42
Pacific Gth	78.38	83.81	-0.05	1.78
UK Gth Acc	82.09	87.79	+0.28	2.62
Do Dist	78.05	78.10	-..	2.62
UK Income	62.01	66.31	+0.02	6.81

CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
1 Wallis Hart Yard London Bridge SE21 Tel: 071-407 0969

Assets	46.90	52.58s	-..	5.55
Spec Sit Op Ap	63.15	63.74	-..	5.51
Prior Hse Inc	167.2	177.9p	-..	5.39
Prior Hse Cap	201.3	218.3	-..	2.84

COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS LTD
St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ Tel: 071-283 7500 Enquiries 081-681 2233 Dealing 081-686 9876

Am Gth	76.78	81.45	-0.18	1.87
Euro Gth	81.45	86.85	+0.06	1.80
Far East	74.29	79.02	-0.18	0.74
Inc	84.87	90.09p	-..	5.90
Do Acc	79.99	84.91p	-..	5.90
Jap Gth	38.23	38.54	-0.14	0.00
Monthly Inc	42.66	45.39p	-0.04	9.86
Private Inv Pt	52.02	55.34p	-0.10	5.94
Prop	98.58	103.4p	-0.11	5.84
Smlr Cos Inc	28.43	30.24	+0.10	3.46
Do Acc	30.60	32.45	+0.09	3.46
UK/Gen Inc	81.27	92.18p	+0.03	4.21
Do Acc	71.19	74.89p	+0.03	4.21
Wrlde Bond	48.78	51.90	-0.07	5.52
Wrlde Sp Sits	46.42	49.65	-0.10	1.23
Do accum	47.89	51.22	-0.12	1.23
Cultur Gen Inc	107.3	116.5	-0.23	2.13
Cultur Inc Acc	98.19	104.4c	-0.02	5.84
Cultur Intl Acc	108.2	116.1c	-0.33	0.01

COMMERCIAL UNION PRESTIGE FUND MANAGEMENT

Financ/Prop	85.91	90.97	+0.03	3.80
Fixed/Conv	34.13	36.21d	+0.02	8.99
Do Acc	76.57	83.59d	+2.13	8.99
Equity Acc	129.7	137.9	-2.55	3.65
Do Acc	373.3	397.1	-7.54	3.65
High Yield Inc	106.1	112.9s	-0.01	6.95
Do Acc	361.2	384.3s	-0.03	6.95
Intl Inc	88.14	93.77d	-..	1.83
Do Acc	95.24	101.3d	-..	1.83
Preference Inc	38.29	40.72	+0.03	10.57
Do Acc	170.3	181.2	+0.13	10.57
PPT Canada	49.08	52.19	+0.04	0.00
PPT Command	47.05	50.06	+0.04	0.00
PPT Europe	130.5	138.9	-0.24	0.75
PPT Global	68.02	72.76	-0.06	0.52
PPT Gold	31.22	33.21	-0.03	0.00
PPT Intl	43.57	46.39	-0.09	0.00
PPT Jap	107.5	114.7	-0.14	0.39
PPT Sing/M	76.35	80.18	-0.25	0.00
PPT UK	96.85	103.0	+0.04	1.68
PPT US	105.0	111.7	+0.14	0.72
PPT Cash	51.5		-..	13.53
Wrlde Alpha	64.57	68.48	-..	0.00
Do Accum	68.22	70.45	-..	0.00

EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh Tel: 0345 090055

Amer	86.50	95.09	+0.06	1.15
Capl	116.8	123.0s	+0.1	2.44
Convertible	21.75	23.11s	-0.03	5.64
Eurobond	92.39	94.97	-0.01	1.15
Exempt Mngd	143.4	148.7	-..	8.57
Extra Inc	53.36	57.54	+0.09	7.71
Growth/Inc	198.5	211.3	-0.5	5.09
High Inc	140.6	149.4s	-..	7.91
Inc/Growth	99.7	106.4s	-0.1	7.31
Inc/Growth	121.9	130.1s	-0.2	6.28
Intl	295.8	295.1	-..	1.54
Intl Inc	66.82	68.82	-0.09	6.16
Pacific	58.45	62.06	-0.10	0.00
Smlr Cap Cos	68.88	74.20	+0.16	0.00
Tokyo	177.9	188.5	-0.8	0.00
Inv Am 2	156.8	164.3	-..	1.26
Inv Jap 3	120.8	124.1e	-..	0.00
Ex Smlr Jap 4	563.5	599.5	+3.9	0.06

EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LG Tel: 0242 527888

Oriental Op Acc	93.84	97.91	-0.55	1.56
Japanese	56.29	59.82	-0.01	0.00
UK Balan Inc	93.17	98.13p	+0.45	3.62
Do Acc	109.3	112.09	+0.5	3.62
UK Gth Accum	154.1	160.98	+0.6	2.18
UK Hi Inc	111.4	119.5p	+0.5	5.97
UK Hi Inc Acc	170.1	177.3p	+0.6	5.97
N Amer Acc	80.15	85.27	-0.42	1.07
Euro Acc	109.1	116.0	+0.6	0.24
UK Pref/Fi Inc	82.67	88.09p	+0.14	8.43
Do Acc	75.27	80.39p	+0.19	8.48
Intl Sp Si Acc	41.10	43.72	+0.11	0.88
Emrgnd Opp	53.04	56.49	-0.05	1.42

ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
41, Hastingbrk Gardens London SW7 4JU Tel: 071 373 7261

Endurance	147.8	157.0	+2.2	1.81

EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Walton Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW Tel: 0296 481-666

Equita Pellican	103.3	108.7	-0.15	5.00
High Inc	107.0	112.7p	-0.24	6.29
Op/Fxd Interest	48.76	51.33	-0.02	9.95
T Tor Inv Tr	111.6	117.5	-0.55	3.36
Spec Sits	96.01	101.0	-..	4.36
N Am	78.04	82.09	-0.28	1.05
Far East	179.1	188.5	-0.91	1.39
Intl Gth	75.68	79.57	-0.54	0.21
Euro	67.38	70.89	-1.15	1.84
Smlr Cos	53.91	56.75d	-1.38	4.85

EQUITY & LAW
St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 2SD Tel: 0203 553231

UK Gth Accm	255.7	272.1d	-0.2	5.83
Do Inc	199.3	204.5d	-0.1	5.83
Higher Inc Accm	480.1	479.8d	-0.9	5.09
Do Inc	298.0	317.1d	-0.6	5.09
Gilt/Fxd Acc	132.5	135.5	-..	9.14
Do Inc	79.39	83.65	+0.05	9.14
N American	167.3	178.6d	-0.4	0.00
Far East	230.2	244.8d	-1.3	0.57
Europe	211.5	224.8	+0.2	0.14
Global	231.0	246.5	-0.8	0.00
Genrl Acc	354.4	367.7	-0.8	3.56
Gr Excellence	83.40	88.61d	+0.04	2.41
Gr Prelude Inc	87.39	91.24	-0.19	5.15
Do Acc	87.34	91.24	-0.19	5.15
Global Ops	89.42	95.09d	-0.17	0.11

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Road Hildenborough Kent TN11 9DZ Tel: 0800 414161

American	169.8	169.8	-0.8	0.00
Capital Unit	129.23	-..	+0.02	12.25
European	98.89	106.2	+0.28	0.00
Gth/Inc	124.8	133.8w	-2.3	4.72
Inc Plus	106.0	113.7w	-0.1	7.17
UK Gth	90.95	98.89	-0.05	0.00

FOREIGN & COLONIAL
8th Floor, Exchange Hse Primrose Street London EC2A 2NY Tel: 071-628 8000

Euro Income	92.65	98.45	-0.28	3.17
Far East	119.9	128.1	-0.6	0.00
Overseas Income	97.32	103.5p	-0.19	4.10
UK Growth	68.59	74.36	-0.09	1.84
UK Inc Fund	104.2	111.4p	-0.4	5.21
US Smlr Cos	131.9	141.1	-0.3	0.00

FRANKLINSTON UNIT MANAGEMENT
155, Bishopsgate London EC2M 3PT Tel: 071-374 4160

Am Smlr Cos	274.0	287.0	+0.1	--
Do Acc	270.9	303.4	-..	--
Capital Inc	309.0	324.9	+0.3	3.33
Do Acc	311.1	330.9	+0.6	3.33
Cont Smlr Inc	42.55	45.42p	-0.06	0.53
Do Acc	43.23	46.14p	-0.06	0.53
Corp Bond	103.9	110.0	+0.14	7.48
Do Acc	171.2	181.4p	+0.7	7.48
Euro Inc	90.64	96.59p	-0.04	0.30
Do Acc	90.05	95.95p	-0.04	0.30
Extra Inc Inc	245.4	261.0	-1.1	6.04
Do Acc	313.2	333.1	-0.1	6.04
Financial Acc	63.92	67.99p	-0.14	0.82
Do Inc	61.76	65.71p	-0.13	0.82
Inc Trust	128.1	136.3p	-0.28	5.57
Do Acc	203.5	216.5p	-0.3	5.57
Intl Gth	235.6	263.0w	-1.3	--
Do Acc	235.6	281.0w	-1.3	--
Jap & S Eas Inc	168.5	179.2	-1.1	--
Do Acc	168.5	188.7	-1.1	--
Managed Port Inc	76.86	81.00	-0.07	1.76
Do Acc	77.61	81.99	-0.08	1.76
Monthly Inc	121.2	128.9p	-0.1	9.44
Recov	204.6	222.9	-0.2	1.27
Do Acc	238.6	258.4	-0.2	1.27
Smlr Inc	88.90	42.53	+0.01	4.05
Do Acc	88.90	42.53	+0.01	4.05
Gth Gth Inc	58.80	58.59	+0.07	5.19
Do Acc	61.89	65.63	+0.07	5.19
Gilt Inc Inc	65.28	69.76	+0.05	9.18
Do Acc	69.61	64.46	+0.06	--

FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH Tel: Dealing: 0722 411411 Admin: 0722 411822

Equity Inc	276.8	294.6w	-1.10	3.69
Do Acc	281.1	299.1w	-2.2	3.69
Euro Gth Dist	94.85	100.9	+0.69	0.66
Do Acc	99.74	101.8	+0.60	0.66
Fixed Int Dist	106.5	111.7w	-0.58	9.48
Do Acc	106.5	111.7w	-0.58	9.48
Int Gth Dist	64.15	68.25w	-0.02	0.82
Do Acc	66.72	69.91w	-0.03	0.82
N Am Dist	141.6	150.7	-0.61	1.30
Do Acc	141.6	150.7	-0.65	1.30
Pac Basin Dist	200.6	213.3	-..	0.31
Do Acc	200.6	215.2	-0.01	0.31
Stand Dist	232.6	247.4w	-0.22	2.86
Do Acc	232.6	247.4w	-0.22	2.86
Stand Inc Dist	91.74	98.04w	-0.09	5.39
Do Acc	98.49	63.59w	-0.10	5.39
NAm Stand Dist	71.72	76.30	-..	0.40
Do Acc	75.28	80.06	-..	0.40

GT UNIT MANAGERS
Fleet House, 8, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ Tel: 071-283 2575 Dealing 071-588 9431

Am Sp Sits	85.25	91.18	-0.26	0.00
UK Cap Inc	141.3	151.2	+0.4	4.25
Do Acc	227.6	243.5	+0.6	4.25
Do Spec Sits	50.09	53.59	+0.01	2.13
Inc Fund	101.5	108.7	-0.2	7.52
Intl	184.9	197.3	-0.5	1.57
US/Genrl	85.39	90.29w	-0.22	0.00
Jap & Genrl	376.5	393.2	-1.4	0.00
Far East/Gen	191.1	204.4	-1.3	0.58
Euro	327.8	348.6	+0.2	1.10
Germany	68.39	84.06	+0.17	0.00
Intl Inc	68.39	73.20	+0.16	0.00
Wrld Spec Sit	85.51	91.46	-0.26	0.14
Global Prp Inc	46.76	50.09w	-0.13	2.97
Do Acc	48.91	51.67w	-0.13	2.97
Smlr Cos Div	40.12	42.91	-0.07	0.59

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
Gartmore House, 16-18 Monument St, London EC3R 8AJ Tel: 071-623 1212
Dealings: 0277 284421 Services: 0800 289336

UK Growth Trusts				
British Gth	38.86	36.20	-0.17	1.38
CrashTrust**	113.16	e-0.82		11.46
Pract Inv Inc	98.51	95.02	+0.05	3.86
Pract Inv Acc	177.8	189.5	+0.10	3.86
UK Smlr Cos	98.86	102.3	-0.17	1.23
Income Trusts				
Extra Inc	91.97	96.77p	+0.86	6.46
Preference	21.39	22.56	+0.03	12.29
High Inc	211.57	54.09p	+0.04	6.43
Recom	107.0	114.5	+0.48	4.00
Ind Fxd Int	23.19	24.40c	-0.03	7.75
International Trusts				
Gold Int	84.27	88.92e	-0.41	1.26
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UK/Intl	98.00	94.12c	-0.88	3.34
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American	92.73	98.71e	-0.80	1.19
European	68.43	70.49	-0.51	1.22
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Euro Inc	69.28	73.76	+0.01	3.50
Euro Smlr Cos	108.0	115.8	-0.25	0.89
Extra Inc	230.4	246.8	+0.14	3.50
Financial Fd	47.18	50.86	-0.04	2.84
Fixed Interest	47.26	51.71e	+0.02	10.76
Global Gth/Inc	66.61	70.22e	+0.10	4.91
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Gold Shares	72.13	77.44e	+0.48	0.00
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Longer protection needed



COMMENT

LINDSAY COOK
WEEKEND MONEY EDITOR

So far, 300 organisations have left the Financial Intermediaries Managers and Brokers Regulatory Association (Fimbra) this year. Some have been kicked out, others have left just ahead of the boot, and a number have chosen an organisation with a more gentle regime.

Immediately they leave, their Fimbra membership, which has given their investors the confidence to deal with them, counts for nothing. Any complaints may be turned away as the association has no jurisdiction over former members.

Even when Fimbra terminated membership, preventing a company from issuing a financial newsletter, the association refused to help the investors who had paid £257 for the weekly letter they did not receive. It was a matter of contract between the former member and the subscriber, said Fimbra. It could not help.

Fortunately, a relatively small amount of money was involved. There are likely to have been a large number of people who paid for a year's subscription and got little or nothing.

Whatever the sum involved, an investor should be able to seek redress from somebody. It is more than galling to be fobbed off by regulators and the bank that paid the standing order after the newsletter publisher was suspended by Fimbra.

Clients of the other companies that have left membership this year will have invested large sums and may feel their money has been mishandled. Fimbra rules allow them to be turned away.

At the moment, Fimbra can pull down the shutters as soon as a member leaves, and turn away troubled investors.

Firms whose membership is terminated are unlikely to stick around to help the investors. If investor protection is to mean anything, the regulators should be there for as long as it takes to sort out any problems.

Next week, the association will argue that it should have no responsibility for the actions of members before the Investors' Compensation Scheme (ICS) was launched on August 28, 1988. If the High Court agrees, it will save its members a lot of money.

Undetected wrongdoing, which went on for years before the compensation scheme came into operation, despite vetting by Fimbra, is not its responsibility, the ICS claims. The fact that Fimbra found the likes of Robert Miller and Dunsdale Securities, with its two sets of books, fit and proper to run an investment business, and gave them a badge to display, should make them accountable to the people who lost £8 million.

If Fimbra membership is to mean anything to investors, the association has to take full responsibility for its members.

The association is planning to give limited protection to the clients of members who leave from October. Fimbra is proposing to ask resigning or terminated members to agree to abide by arbitration in respect of complaints made for up to 12 months after the membership ceases.

If it goes ahead, this will help a large number of investors, although many more may be unaware that their financial adviser has ceased to be a member of Fimbra or that the advice they received was negligent, until it is too late to get anything done.

Legal cover

This week, Prudential Assurance paid tribute to the parents of a girl badly injured in an accident, as record damages were awarded. The touching words would have meant more to most policyholders if it had not taken 11 years to reach settlement. Families are pushed to the brink again and again by insurance companies as they pursue valid claims through the legal system.

Often they are forced to take lower payouts than would be awarded by the courts because they cannot afford, or have no energy left, to go on with the battle.

Insurance companies are also able to provide an answer to the problem in the form of legal expenses insurance. The cover, which can be added to household policies, can allow up to £50,000 to be spent on pursuing a claim. In selling the policies, the insurance companies say the cover will make the opposition take them seriously. In most cases, that opposition is, ultimately, an insurance company.

Lawyers and insurers now accept this type of insurance is here to stay. The more people who have it, the more money is likely to be awarded in compensation, and the more the insurance companies will earn on the legal cover.

Endless debt beckons the unwary

Borrowers facing interest-only mortgage pitfalls

By SARA MCCONNELL

The increasing number of borrowers who take out the apparently cheaper interest-only mortgages may find themselves saddled with a never ending home loan debt. In extreme cases, they could lose their homes. Borrowers must be sure at the outset that they will be able to pay off the capital at some stage in the term.

The Cheltenham & Gloucester, the sixth largest society, started offering mainly interest-only loans just over a year ago. In the past four months, 75 per cent of mortgages taken out through the C&G were interest-only loans.

After 25 years, the loan is converted into a repayment mortgage, which starts to repay the capital. The C&G said inflation would probably have shrunk the capital repayment after 25 years, but conceded that people would find themselves paying into retirement. The society does not check how borrowers plan to pay off interest-only mortgages.

Consumer groups are concerned that the implications of interest-only mortgages are not always spelt out. Jean Eaglesham, senior researcher at the Consumers Association, said: "Long term, people could end up not owning a home, but just paying out interest. Interest-only loans are all right for people who have a lot of equity in the property."

She added: "We generally find that the quality of advice given is worryingly poor. Advisers tend not to spell out the pros and cons of the options."

Ms Eaglesham said the Consumers Association's research also showed that too many lenders still recommended endowment mortgages, even if they were not suitable, because they earned a commission on sales.

John Hutchinson, retail operations director at the Nationwide, the second largest society, described interest-only loans as a "dangerous option". Branches have to go to head office before they can sanction interest-only loans. There is no set limit on the loan as a proportion of the value of the property, and decisions are made on an individual basis.

The C&G borrowers with interest-only loans include those who took out fixed rate mortgages, and translates into 16,000 loans. The C&G said some of these people would have existing endowment policies or other insurance, and some would take out a Legal & General endowment through the society. They are mainly aimed at those with existing policies or investments, said a spokeswoman.

Borrowers taking out such loans can choose to repay the capital in any way they like, either with a lump sum from an investment or inheritance, using a lump sum from a pension or by building up funds in personal equity plans or through share options. There is no fixed mortgage term, which gives people the flexibility to pay off the mortgage early or, alternatively, continue paying for longer than the normal 25 years. Unless the capital is repaid, borrowers will not own their home.

The Halifax, the largest society, introduced interest-only loans at the end of last year for those borrowing £100,000 or more.

Peter Markham, the Halifax's mortgage product manager, said the society was using interest-only mortgages as a "low cost vehicle" for larger borrowers. But he said: "When rates are high, people will put off the day when they start investing to pay off the capital. People always intend to take out an endowment when they are better off."

Other large societies including the Nationwide and the Leeds Permanent, as well as the Abbey National, offer interest only mortgages if requested. Centralised lenders such as the Household Mortgage Corporation and National Home Loans have always offered interest-only mortgages.

A survey in *Which?*, the Consumers Association's magazine, said last month that actors posing as borrowers seeking a mortgage were, in at least one case, wrongly advised that interest-only mortgages were the cheapest at the current rate of interest.

The survey commented: "Interest-only mortgages have the lowest monthly cost but they don't include any provision for repaying the loan. If you want your mortgage package to provide for repayment of the loan, repayment mortgages have the lowest monthly cost at current interest rates and they will continue to have as long as interest rates remain above 9 per cent or so."

Figures from John Charcol, the independent mortgage broker, show that at today's average rate of 12.45 per cent, the monthly repayment on a £50,000 interest-only loan would be £440.93. A repayment mortgage with £11.70 of term assurance would be the next cheapest at £481.89 a month. The same loan paid with an endowment would cost £502.93, including a £62 a month insurance premium. The most expensive option is a pension mortgage, which costs £509.99, including a £79.43 pension contribution and £12.66 worth of pension term assurance. These figures include basic rate tax relief.

Some lenders dismiss the publicising of interest-only loans as a marketing ploy. Norman Turner, head of housing services at the Leeds Permanent, said: "It is a marketing tool to offer loans at less cost. But do people understand that in 15 or 20 years' time they will still owe £50,000? How are they going to pay it back?

"Interest-only loans are good for more mature people moving into a property which they will vacate shortly, for example, people moving to London to work for a couple of years, and who have a lot of equity in the property. I am not sure these are a good idea for people taking out 25-year mortgages, moving to another property and incurring more interest. People should always have some life cover just in case."

Between 2 and 3 per cent of the Leeds' mortgages are interest-only loans, made mostly to the elderly. Three-quarters of all the society's loans are still endowment-linked.

The Abbey National will only lend up to two-thirds of the value of the property on an interest-only basis. Ambrose McGinn, marketing manager at the Abbey National, said: "We can't be responsible for people's investments on interest-only mortgages. We are talking about sophisticated investors, mostly in a higher income bracket. The man in the street is more interested in buying a home."

Some independent financial advisers are also concerned that interest-only mortgages should not be marketed to the wrong people.

Tony Murrell, managing director of Fraser Marr, a fee earning adviser, said: "Lenders will inevitably experience greater repossessions with interest-only loans. There are not sufficient financial health warnings about capital. I would like to see an applicant sign a form or letter to say they have understood they are paying only the interest. People need to see the necessity of repaying the capital at some future time. People have short memories when it comes to money."

ALAN WELLER



The best policy: Farrol Goldblatt avoided Peps because of their lack of track record

Loans packaged for a variety of repayment plans

THE Cheltenham & Gloucester did not need any proof that Farrol Goldblatt had any way of repaying the capital on his loan of £100,000 plus, taken out five months ago to fund the purchase of an Edwardian semi-detached house in Muswell Hill, north London.

Mr Goldblatt, a company director, aged 35, who is married with a baby son, was borrowing only 50 per cent of the value of the property. This gave the C&G a sufficient safety margin in case property prices fell or Mr Goldblatt had difficulty in repaying the capital on the loan. In fact, Mr Goldblatt has two schemes, a pension scheme to which he contributes about £200 a month and a 25-year with-profits endowment costing about £100 a month. Both are with Scottish Amicable and both mature in 25 years, when he is 60.

He has already linked the pension scheme to a previous mortgage with the Alliance & Leicester. His monthly contributions to the pension would eventually help to pay off the capital on the loan.

Mr Goldblatt said: "The main attraction of an interest-only scheme is its flexibility. At the time, it seemed to be the right thing to do." He added that he had steered clear of a Pep mortgage because of Peps' lack of track record compared with endowments.

Lenders offering various discounts and special deals were initially attractive to the Goldblatts until they discovered that they had to take out buildings and contents insurance as part of the deal.

"I was keen to take out a Halifax mortgage until I discovered that the Halifax's buildings and contents policy would cost £400 more than the one I had already."

Chemical engineer plumps for Pep

JOHN MANNING



Ready to move: Cyrus Pryce, who hopes to pay off his mortgage early with a Pep

CYRUS Pryce decided to invest in a personal equity plan (Pep) to repay a £137,000 loan after he had seen reports of poor returns on endowment policies surrendered early. He had also been irritated by building societies' enthusiasm for selling endowments, on which they earn sizeable commissions.

"It is annoying when you deal with a building society because they tend to push endowments. I went to the Woolwich to get some preliminary information and they kept pushing the endowment. All their literature was biased towards endowments. They didn't introduce Pep mortgages directly – I raised it myself."

Mr Pryce, a chemical engineer, aged 50, has now arranged through John Charcol, the independent mortgage broker, to make a contribution of £200 a month to a Save & Prosper Pep. The Pep invests in S&P's Smaller Companies Income Fund. He also pays £110 in term assurance, which will pay off the mortgage if he dies. Interest payments on the loan from the Nationwide building society are £1,100 a month, at a variable rate of 11.45 per cent.

He and Eiri, his wife, who is ten years younger, are hoping to complete on a three bedroomed town house in Rotherhithe, in London's Docklands. Since they married last year, their existing home in Southwark is no longer large enough.

There is no guarantee that a Pep plan will pay off the capital owed at the end of the term.

Mr Pryce is prepared to take a risk with an investment he considers more efficient than an endowment. He said: "I was interested in investing in a Pep because I wanted some flexibility.

"I hope I may be able to pay my mortgage off early. The 10.5 per cent return which I was quoted on the Pep would seem to be quite viable to pay it off."

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Defaulters' list looms

A REGISTER of people who have lost their homes since 1989 because they did not keep up their mortgage payments is to be established by the Council of Mortgage Lenders.

The register is intended to stop people abandoning one property and its associated debt only to apply to another lender for a mortgage. Lenders do not usually swap information about customers for fear they will be poached. The CML said there has been an growing number of cases where people apply for a loan without revealing they defaulted on a previous mortgage.



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Credit card companies put the damage right

By LINDSAY COOK
MONEY EDITOR

MILLIONS of pounds have been paid out in the past year by credit and charge card companies to customers who have lost or damaged items bought with their plastic money.

Next month, the Halifax Building Society adds purchase insurance to the services offered by the card when it introduces an annual fee of £10. Barclaycard introduced similar cover in May last year when it announced its £8 fee.

The policies in both cases will pay in the event of accidental damage, loss or theft of goods within 100 days of their being bought using the cards. Both schemes expect household or travel insurance policies to pay out first. They say they are offering back-up cover until the customer can add an item to an existing policy or when an item is excluded from a standard policy.

In the first year, Barclaycard paid out more than £1 million. The policy has a lower limit of £50 and will pay out up to £15,000. Items of clothing top the list for claims, closely followed by cameras, jewellery, spectacles, bicycles and electrical items.

"The claims are quite seasonal, with most being received during holiday times and over Christmas. A lot of cameras are lost on holiday," a spokeswoman said.

"Lawnmowers can get damaged on the first mowing of the season, and we paid out for a wall unit which collapsed while it was being assembled. Another customer dropped an expensive tea service on the way home from the shop and we paid for the plate and saucer which were broken."

The compensation is usually paid as a credit to a card account. When Lee Richards, aged 17, had his new bicycle stolen from outside his home in Plymouth it was not covered on the household policy. The £230 mountain bike was paid for by Valerie Richards, his mother, using her Barclaycard. She did not know of the insurance cover but her eldest son, Martin, who had a card, had kept details of the scheme and encouraged her to claim.

She said: "It was all sorted out very quickly. Within a week of my making a claim, I was telephoned and told that the account had been credited with the cost of the bike."

Customers wanting to make a claim should telephone 0603 685677. They have 45 days from the date of the loss or damage to do so. Barclaycard will be advertising the service in the coming weeks.

The bank gave customers a year to decide whether their card was still good value when it introduced the annual fee. It promised that it would refund the fee to anyone who decided within the year that it was not.

JOHN REDMAN



Back on his bike: Lee Richards with replacement

More than a million cardholders have sent back their Barclaycards, and more are expected. The scheme started from the first statement containing the £8 charge in late June or early July.

American Express launched its insurance cover here in June 1988. This will pay out for items damaged, stolen or lost within 90 days of purchase, but is again regarded as a secondary insurance.

The company does not set a lower limit, which means that cardholders can claim for small items below the excess limit on other policies. Many household insurance companies will not pay for the first £25 or £50 of a claim.

The smallest claim, so far, was 90p for a plastic eye bath. There is, however, competition in the pettiness stakes among Amex customers. A saucer that cost 99p has also been the subject of a claim.

The policy has an upper limit of £20,000 per claim. To date, the most expensive item paid for was a £12,000 watch, lost when water skiing. The company considered the claim and, on discovering it was a sports watch, decided to pay.

Another customer claimed for, and received, £2,000 to cover the cost of some shopping lost when a taxi sped off. Amex also paid out for shopping that fell off a roof rack on a motorway. Police had prevented the driver from retrieving the items, which were run over and damaged.

The most common claims were for clothing but most had been paid out for jewellery, a spokeswoman said. One cardholder was disappointed when his claim for compensation was refused — for a hair restorer that did not work.

In the first year, Amex paid out £595,000. The second year, the sum increased to £943,000, and, in the past year, it is expected to have topped £1 million.

Diners Club was the first company to introduce insurance for cardholders in 1984. The company pays for losses suffered within 30 days of purchase and would not disclose details of claims.

Two banks to review rates for cash in waiting

By SARA MCCONNELL

BARCLAYS and National Westminster banks are to review the rates they pay on cash waiting to be invested in discretionary portfolios because they are too low.

The move comes in the same week that Richard Youard, the investment referee, criticised an unnamed clearing bank in his annual report for not paying any interest on uninvested cash in similar circumstances.

The bank in the case argued that by paying interest the investor would be getting the double benefit of interest on uninvested funds and investment management. The bank changed its policy after an investigation by the referee, and paid the interest in full. All the four big clearing banks say they pay interest on uninvested cash.

Barclays and NatWest said the review of rates is unconnected with Mr Youard's remarks. A Barclays spokeswoman said: "We are reassessing our system and seeing what we can offer our customers." The bank is considering setting up a separate system for paying interest on uninvested cash, instead of using a range of existing accounts as it does now.

Amounts of up to £10,000 go into the seven day deposit account that pays 1.5 per cent net, 2 per cent gross. Funds of between £10,000 and £24,999 are put into a higher rate deposit account paying 7.05 per cent net, 9.4 per cent gross. The same account pays 7.31 per cent net, 9.75 per cent gross on sums of between £25,000 and £100,000. Amounts of more than £100,000 are invested on the money markets.

Barclays says money normally waits between ten days and three-and-a-half weeks to be invested. Exceptional events, such as the Gulf war, that create volatile stock markets would cause investors' money to be kept in cash for longer.

NatWest is also reviewing its rates for investors using its financial and investment service. Rates are linked to the Special Reserve account, but the bank is concerned that investors need at least £500 to earn the minimum rate of 6 per cent net. A spokesman said: "The problem is not so much with the whole portfolio, as with parts of the portfolio which may be liquid. These will probably be small sums."



Youard: investigation

The bank is also looking at paying rates in line with its new Premium Reserve account for larger sums. This account pays 7.78 per cent net on sums of between £2,000 and £9,999, compared with the Special Reserve's rate of 6.38 per cent. Sums of between £10,000 and £24,999 earn 8.06 per cent in the Premium Reserve and 6.56 per cent net in the Special Reserve account.

Lloyds and Midland banks are not planning to change their rates, saying that they are already competitive. Lloyds said that people should not have to keep large amounts on deposit for any length of time. "We are talking about an investment service."

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INVESTOR confidence continues to slide, according to Pearl Unit Trusts' investor confidence index. It has fallen to 91.3 since it was established in March with a base of 100. Less than half those asked in the AB social groups expected the stock market to rise during the next six months to a year.

☐ Mercury Fund Managers, the unit trust arm of Mercury Asset Management, has raised more than £100 million in its global bond fund in the five months since it was launched. The fund, which has an initial charge of 5 per cent and an annual management fee, invests in a broad spread of government and corporate securities.

☐ National Westminster Bank is giving away free music vouchers worth up to £2 to anyone aged between 13 and 20 who opens a NatWest Card Plus account before October 15. The account, which has no overdraft facility, pays interest on credit balances.

☐ The Alliance & Leicester Building Society has relaunched its Smarter Starter mortgage for first-time buyers. This offers free endowment payments for the first year. A 24-page advice pack is available from all branches. This includes change of address cards, room planners and checklists.

☐ The Stroud and Swindon Building Society is offering mortgages at 10.45 per cent for the first year on new loans above £60,000. This is available to borrowers remortgaging from other lenders, as well as first-time buyers. The building society's base mortgage rate is 12.45 per cent.

☐ UCB Home Loans Corporation has launched a capped mortgage at 11.25 per cent (an annual percentage rate of 13.3 per cent). The loan cannot rise above this level before the end of June next year, but can fall below it if market rates do as well. Borrowers are switched to UCB's standard mortgage rate at the end of June next year. There is an arrangement fee of £175.

☐ Overseas residents can now invest in any of Bradford & Bingley Building Society's savings accounts and receive gross interest. They were previously restricted to the society's overseas resident scheme, which has now been withdrawn, and its Island range of sterling deposit accounts. The portfolio includes the Maximiser Elite 7, the one-year term account that guarantees to pay at least 6 per centage points above the society's ordinary share rate.

MARKETS AROUND THE WORLD
6th JUNE 1991



THE VIEW FROM SAVE & PROSPER

UNITED KINGDOM
Firm base – start to buy for next upward phase.

- The market continues to consolidate within a narrow trading range.
- Interest rates will need to come down further to stimulate the economy. We expect further reductions by the end of the year.
- Our research suggests the recent CBI survey (split by company type) reveals that smaller companies are well placed to benefit from better economic conditions.
- Many major UK manufacturers are in much better shape today than they were 10 years ago; and therefore should respond quickly to a pick-up in the economy.

Recommended Save & Prosper Funds: *Smaller Companies Income Fund* and *UK Smaller Companies Growth Fund* for continued revival of interest in smaller companies. *High Return Unit Trust* as a long-term core holding. Also consider *Save & Prosper's Managed Portfolio PEP* for tax-free investment.

UNITED STATES
Consolidation – buy.

- The likelihood of third quarter recovery is still not conclusively shown by economic data, but the anecdotal evidence remains encouraging.
- After six quarters of profit recession, third quarter comparisons should be favourable. A profit recovery of at least 16% is expected.
- Our bet is that recovery will come on cue, and this will stimulate the UK recovery.
- After $19 billion of new issues, institutional liquidity has dropped from 12% to 6%.
- If inflation stays low, the growth in profits will be faster than growth in revenue and this will encourage the market to go higher.

Recommended Save & Prosper Fund: *American Smaller Companies Fund* for continued recovery of the smaller companies sector.

JAPAN
Begin to buy for market rally in larger stocks.

- Signs of the much awaited economic slowdown are growing. This should provide the Bank of Japan with scope to cut rates.
- Annual inflation at 3% to end May was in line with expectations and is further evidence of reduced price pressure.
- Bankruptcies are still running high, and a cut in rates is needed to ease pressure on the banks.
- The longer the Bank of Japan waits before a rate cut, the sharper the cut will be and the more likely that a second cut will follow swiftly. In turn the reaction of both bond and equity markets should be dramatic.

Recommended Save & Prosper Fund: *Japan Growth Fund* for an expected rally in larger stocks.

PACIFIC REGION
Continue buying for long-term potential.

- Surprise 1% increase in Hong Kong interest rate – a knee jerk reaction to worse than expected April inflation figures.
- President Bush has stated that 'Most Favoured Nation Status' will be renewed for China, removing one shadow overhanging the Hong Kong market.
- Malaysian market strength should continue to be underpinned by renewed foreign and domestic interest.
- Singapore's GDP grew at a higher than expected rate of 7½% in the first quarter.
- The Australian market is consolidating, but is likely to move ahead later in 1991 as the Australian economy emerges from recession.

Recommended Save & Prosper Funds: *South East Asia Growth Fund* and *Eastern Discovery Fund* for the region's long-term growth potential.

EUROPE
Short-term progress difficult – hold.

- The evidence continues to grow of an economic slowdown in Germany. New orders are markedly down and this should reduce the utilisation of production capacity and GNP growth in the coming quarters.
- New Bundesbank President takes over at the end of July, but this is unlikely to result in a change of monetary policy.
- German inflation could remain below 4% this year, which would be positive for the market.
- Dividend flows – especially in France where it could be FFr 30 billion plus – will increase the cash in the markets from mid-June, some should be absorbed by rights issues.
- European stock markets are expected to follow the major markets upwards over the coming months, despite weak fundamentals.

Recommended Save & Prosper Fund: *European Smaller Companies Fund* for long term prospects in smaller company stocks.

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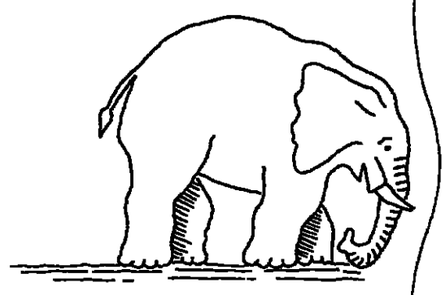
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ICS probes maladministration claim

By SARA MCCONNELL

THE Investors' Compensation Scheme (ICS) this week appointed an independent examiner to investigate allegations of maladministration from an investor who lost £55,000 through Greenan Investment Management, the collapsed financial adviser, two years ago.

This is the first time the ICS has been forced to examine its own procedures since the scheme was set up in August 1988.

Six other Greenan investors have had their claims frozen until a High Court hearing next week decides whether investments made before the start of the scheme on August 28, 1988, qualify for compensation. The Financial Intermediaries Managers and Brokers Regulatory Association (Fimbra), whose members help fund the scheme, argues that members should not have to compensate for money invested before this date.

A QC was appointed on Thursday. Greenan Investment Management was based in Ayr and most of its clients were Scottish. The ICS said: "A complaint of maladministration has been received from one investor who formerly invested with Greenan Investment Management. The ICS board has considered the complaint and concluded that it is without merit. But, in view of the nature of the allegations made against the board and the management of the scheme, Denis Child, the chairman, has agreed to invoke a special procedure for dealing with complaints against the scheme and an independent person has been appointed to investigate the allegations of maladministration."

David and Susan Wight, of Auchinleck, Ayrshire, the investors making the allegations, put a total of £55,000 into unit trusts and broker bonds managed by Greenan. They have, so far, received £36,586.26 in compensation from the ICS. But they say they should be paid another £25,000, which was invested in a series of broker bonds by James Cunningham, the Greenan managing director. The scheme pays out a maximum of £48,000 per person. As Mr and Mrs Wight's investments were in joint names, they each qualify for £48,000.

The Wights said the ICS refused to take into account verbal "promises to pay" made by Mr Cunningham, when assessing the compensation claim. Mr Cunningham promised the Wights that he would provide them with an investment of equal value if they agreed to cash in an MIM Britannia broker bond at the beginning of 1989. Under Scottish law, a promise to pay is legally binding if the promise is confirmed by writ or oath. Mr Cunningham confirmed his promise in a letter to Mr Wight on May 16, last year, and similar confirmation came from William Duncan and Co, the company's liquidators, on June 28, last year.

Andrew McVean of Brakenridge & Graham, the Wights' solicitor, said: "Mr Wight's confidence in the system has been severely dented because of the attitude of the ICS in dealing with his claim." Other investors had had promises to pay claims met, he said. The Wights are now concerned that they will not be able to challenge or question the findings of the ICS investigation.

The investigation was unlikely to be a hearing that took evidence from both sides, said the ICS. The investigator would check whether the ICS had done its job according to its own rules, then report to the ICS board. The Wights would be "informed of the findings".

The ICS has, so far, paid a total of £624,544 to 70 investors in Greenan. Six investors are caught in the freeze on payouts imposed by the scheme until the High Court decides whether claims for losses sustained before the start of the scheme qualify.

Doug and Sheila Smith of Ayr have not yet received any compensation for the £40,000 they lost through Greenan. The ICS told them on May 2 that their claim was frozen. The Smiths invested £70,000 with Greenan before they went abroad in 1984 and were returned £30,000, which had been invested in a Britannia building society account. They refused an offer of £18,768 compensation in June last year.

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TOM KIDD



Forcing scheme to examine procedures: David Wight, awaiting High Court decision

Brokers to apply to use GFOFs

By LINDSAY COOK
MONEY EDITOR

BROKERS operating bonds on behalf of clients will not generally be able to buy the volatile geared futures and options and funds (GFOFs), which are to be launched in the late summer. The funds, which can wipe out a total investment almost overnight, will still be available to novice investors through the same brokers or directly from unit trust groups.

Richard Cockroft, director of membership and practice at the Financial Intermediaries Managers and Brokers Regulatory Association, said brokers would not be able to include GFOFs in broker bonds unless they received "special permission". The association plans to issue notes to members next week, explaining its decision on GFOFs. The Unit Trust Association has also protested that the funds are too dangerous to carry the name unit trust.

The new type of authorised unit trust is likely to be approved in the middle of this month. Before the end of the month, all brokers who operate bonds will receive letters from Fimbra, including application forms to continue managing the funds after October 1, when new rules governing broker funds are introduced. Brokers who want to use GFOFs will be told they must apply to do so.

Mr Cockroft said: "If someone applies for permission, it will put us on notice. Individual consideration will be given to any such application."

Mr Cockroft said the 1,000 brokers managing funds would receive a compliance check every year. This would reveal if brokers were investing in GFOFs without permission.

Mr Cockroft added: "From a regulatory point of view, GFOFs are a nightmare. We are having to treat one type of authorised unit trust differently from all the others. It is very confusing."

Cazenove opens regional office

By RUPERT BRUCE

CAZENOVE, the establishment's stockbroker, opened its first regional private client office in Salisbury this week, adding to Cazenove's worldwide chain of offices.

After 170 years in business, the private client office indicates a changing attitude. Cazenove, which has £2 billion of wealthy clients' money under management, is now prepared to deal in relatively small change. Sums over £50,000 would be eligible for an advisory or discretionary service and those under that sum would be directed to the firm's six unit trusts.

Until Big Bang in 1986, many large City brokers were interested in only the largest private clients and smaller clients who wanted brokers' advice turned to provincial firms. Broking firms have realised this and opened more regional offices.

Allied Provincial and Capel Cure Myers are the biggest players. Both have almost 30 offices nationwide and offer a full range of financial service as well as stockbroking. Allied Provincial was formed in 1986 when a number of old-style partnerships merged. James Capel, the broker, bought 24 per cent of the new company and another 24 per cent went to Postel, the post office pension fund. Since then, financial advisers offering tax and financial planning services have been bought.

Clients with as little as £20,000 to invest can obtain a portfolio management service, and those with £50,000 have the option of leaving management to the broker's discretion. But all clients will be given advice on their sales or purchases. The company now has 150,000 private clients, of whom 110,000 dealt in the six months to March.

Capel Cure Myers (CCM) bought its regional network last October. The National Investment Group was formed when six partnerships merged in 1986.

Cazenove's new clients will be sought mainly "by word of mouth". Any further offices must be in a town with at least three of the following: a racecourse, cathedral, market and university.

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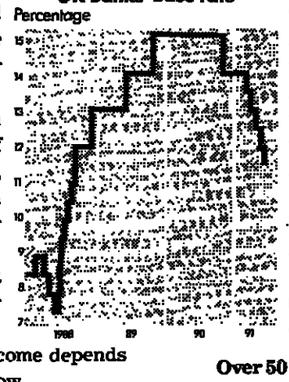
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LETTERS

Cheque becomes a frozen asset

From R.J. Simmons

Sir, I have fallen foul of an unsuspected trap that lies in the path of Barclays' customers who use cash dispensers.

When I used my Connect card this week to withdraw a modest £50 from a current account holding around £1,000 I was told in uncompromising terms: "You have insufficient funds."

Hastily repeating the process before friends with me could see this embarrassing on-screen accusation, I lowered my aspirations and asked for £20. Insufficient funds, came back the stern message.

What, next day, was Barclays' explanation? A chuckle of amusement down the phone, but not a helpful one. Seemingly, my current account had been "frozen" as far as cash dispensers were concerned. Why? Because five days previously I had banked a building society cheque for some thousands and it was still "uncleared".

I was told that when an uncleared cheque relates to a sum greater than that held in a client's current account, that client may not use cash dispensers. Daft? Certainly! But done, I was told, to prevent possible theft. Why not put a sensible £100 limit, or whatever, on such an account?

But to deny a customer a penny of his own money borders on the criminal.

Yours sincerely,
R.J. SIMMONS,
55 Rosslyn Road,
Bath, Avon.

Unfair tax codes

From Miss Margaret White

Sir, Further to the matter of the extra allowance given to married taxpayers, Mr R.H. Edwards (Weekend Money letters, June 1) is quite right in pointing out that affluence is not the norm. This would seem to make it even more necessary that a fair system be applied in the raising of public revenue.

Certainly your correspondent's personal circumstances in tending a sick wife cannot but command our sympathy, as must those of all carers, be they spouses or those countless single people, generally, but by no means always, female looking after elderly relatives.

When such a burden is aggravated by the constraints of only one source of income, who would deny that all necessary assistance should be made available?

This is not incompatible with pointing out the anomaly of the continuation of an extra allowance to married taxpayers within the context of independent taxation. This observation on the prevailing system obviously implies no criticism of the couples who enjoy this additional amount quite legally. It is the legalised injustice that is resented by so many.

Fortunate are the beneficiaries of this uneven distribution of Treasury largesse. A married couple can have £8,310 coming into their household before they start to pay tax.

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Yours faithfully,
MARGARET WHITE
15 Tavistock Court,
Tavistock Square,
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Shareholders that take the biscuits?

From Mr Derek Raby

Sir, Chatting to fellow shareholders at various annual general meetings, it becomes abundantly clear that very *many are there for the refreshments* on offer when the meeting closes.

Bother the silly old accounts, will there be vol-au-vents as well as sandwiches or (horror upon horror: sell the shares at once) only biscuits? Why does that wretched woman have to go rabbiting on about no women on the board? Doesn't she know the sausages are getting cold? Etcetera.

At one recent meeting, a stalwart pensioner had travelled up from Eastbourne for a day out in London, and found that she was only offered a cup of coffee and a biscuit. People are clearly aware their vote means damn all, but they swap notes on where to go for the best grub.

Taking your correspondent Mr Diamond's point (Weekend Money letters, May 25), what for many shareholders would seem most needed is not a timetable and regulation of the annual general meeting so much as a decent guide to the catering.

Perhaps a helpful footnote to the notice of the meeting would be useful: "Please state if vegetarian."

Yours faithfully,
DEREK RABY,
The Little House,
Elm Grove Road,
Cobham,
Surrey.



Married allowance

From Mr D. Benallick

Sir, Miss White (Weekend Money letters, May 25) claims the married couple's allowance to be a fiscal injustice which should be discontinued.

Is it not equally unjust that a wife cannot elect to have her personal allowance added to that of her husband and offset against his income if the wife has no income of her own?

Surely it can be argued that the one income is really the income of two people or more if there are children in a household?

I believe that it is for this situation that the married couple's allowance really exists.

I therefore agree with Mr Edwards that the Chancellor of the Exchequer should increase this allowance in line with other allowances.

Yours faithfully,
D. BENALLICK,
15 Woodfield Avenue,
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A tale of two banks

From D.J. Bayfield

Sir, I follow your business letters published on Saturdays with great interest, and feel that your readers should be advised that not all banks are the same.

I run a small taxi and security company in Salisbury. Having grown disenchanted with the big four banks, I have opened various accounts with the Royal Bank of Scotland.

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Yours faithfully,
D.J. BAYFIELD,
Rainbow Cab Company,
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From Mrs D.P. Haig

Sir, My daughter's recent experience with her bank may be of interest.

She had banked at the same branch for ten years. A teacher, with a large mortgage, it is important to her that there should be no errors.

First, there were mistakes in her statements. Then she found that she was charged interest on overdrafts incurred because of the errors. For example, her mortgage was once deducted twice in a month.

Finally, exasperated, she paid a fee of £10 to have her account transferred to another bank.

Then she began to receive letters from people who had not received direct debits and standing orders that were due.

Her salary cheque was returned to her employer, who, fortunately, contacted her.

The new bank was puzzled, and when she went to the old bank to ask for an explanation, the clerk said: "Why should we help another bank?"

This surly behaviour is hardly to the credit of the bank concerned.

Yours faithfully,
D.P. HAIG,
21 The Crescent,
Keymer,
Hassocks,
West Sussex.

Debt problems

From Mr J.E. Warner

Sir, Like Mr Jenkins (Weekend Money letters, June 1), I retired from banking some years ago, and am only too glad not to be part of the present banking scene. On my retirement I became involved with the Citizens Advice Bureau as a voluntary worker, and know very well the impact that present policies are having on the debt problem.

In the bureau in which I work we are currently dealing with approximately five or six times the number of debt problems which were being dealt with some four years ago. Apart from those problems caused by redundancy, there seem to be two underlying factors:

a) The pressure on staff to meet targets, already mentioned by Mr Jenkins.

b) Credit scoring. When I was a manager I liked to see applicants for a loan to ensure, *inter alia*, that repayments were within their capabilities, having in mind their other commitments. Now, provided they score enough points on the credit scoring system, the loan is theirs – never mind what other debts they may have already.

The resultant problems seem to be shrugged off as being of little account – after all, achieving targets is more important than the bad debt position, isn't it?

Yours faithfully,
J.E. WARNER,
69 The Meadows,
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Home team's appearance assures Wembley of a sizeable crowd for its first American football final

Monarchs wait for crowning glory

By RICHARD WETHERELL

SUCH is the demand for tickets for the World Bowl tomorrow that the official Wembley capacity for American football, 63,500, is likely to be exceeded. For the World League of American Football (WLAF) final between London Monarchs and Barcelona Dragons, the organisers have been selling, for £15, sideline seats not normally used because they are low level and give a restricted view.

Even before the Monarchs gained a place in the World Bowl with their 42-26 victory against New York-New Jersey Knights last weekend, 40,000 tickets had been sold. As soon as supporters of the Monarchs were guaranteed a chance to see their team, sales increased. On Monday, 10,619 tickets were sold, the highest one-day telephone sales since Wembley computerised its ticket system two years ago.

Fittingly, the teams with the best records during the ten-match season are there for the inaugural final in front of a capacity crowd. Barcelona lost only twice and were the only side to defeat the Monarchs, 20-17, at Wembley two weeks ago. While London did not have the same incentive to win — they were already sure of their place in the play-offs — there was little doubt that the better team won.

The Dragons protected their quarterback, Scott Erney, so well that for the only time this season the Monarchs' defense did not register a sack while the Dragons' defense harried the Monarchs' quarterback, Stan Gelbaugh, and waited for him to make mistakes.

The styles of the clubs contrast sharply. The head coaches, Larry Kennan, of London, and Jack Bicknell, of Barcelona, can influence events on the field more directly than in any other sport. Kennan believes in throwing the ball as much as possible and Bicknell likes to establish a running game first. Kennan insists that "rule No. 1 has always been 'we're going to have fun today' ". After his spells as an assistant coach with the Los Angeles Raiders, Denver Broncos and Indianapolis Colts, he enjoys being head coach.

"I am making the rules as we're going along and we're going with what makes me happy," he said.

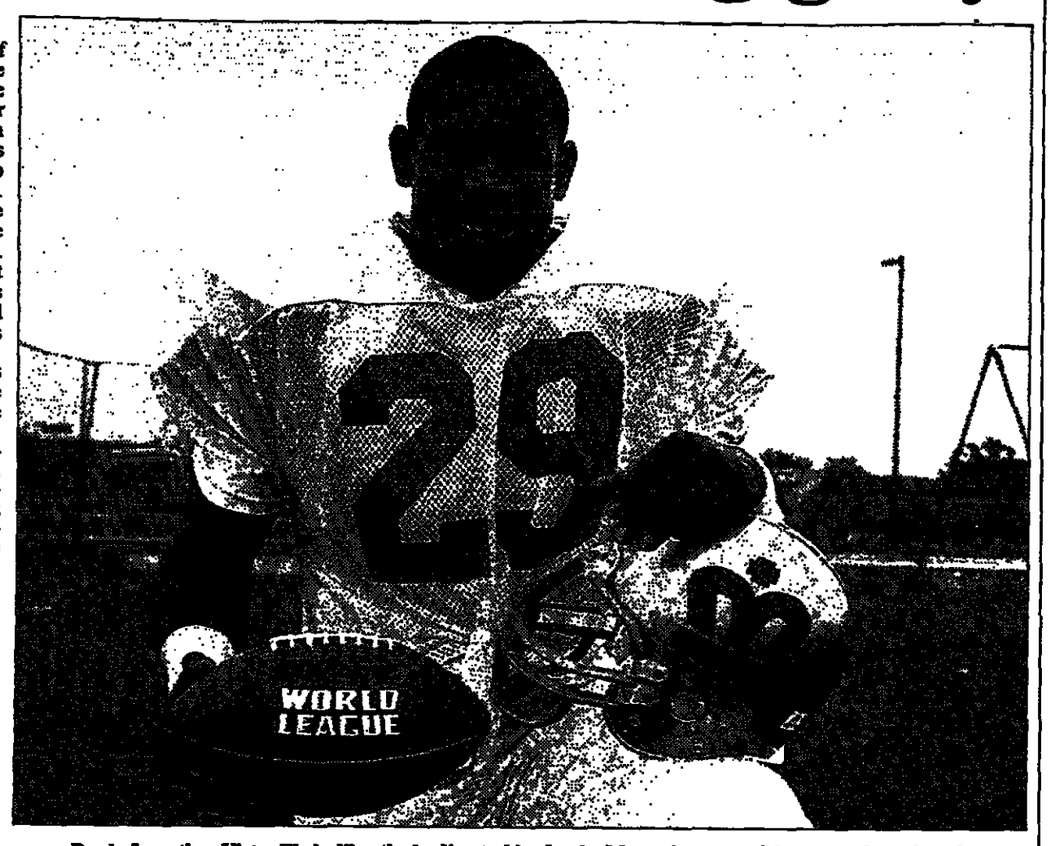
Both Billy Hicks, the general manager of the Monarchs, and Gelbaugh have been impressed with Kennan's quiet but firm demeanour. According to Hicks: "He's one of the most stoic men I've ever been around." Gelbaugh agrees. "His attitude towards everything has helped," he said.

"He's loose, he's casual about the right type of things, he's never uptight about things he shouldn't be uptight about."

Bicknell came to the Dragons after a decade as head coach of Boston College. At the initial approach, he was not sure about the WLAF but his interest grew.

"I didn't know anything about Barcelona but it sounded good to me," he said and Barcelona has taken Bicknell to its heart.

Whether Kennan completes a unique double by adding a World Bowl ring to the Super Bowl ring he won with the Raiders in 1983, or Bicknell guides his side to another Wembley win, both men agree that this season has been one to savour.



Ready for action: Victor Ebubedike, the leading tackler for the Monarchs on special teams, takes a breather

THE ROAD TO WEMBLEY

London Monarchs		Barcelona Dragons	
Regular season		Regular season	
Frankfurt (a)	24-11	New York/New Jersey (h)	19-7
New York/New Jersey (h)	22-18	Montreal (a)	34-10
Orlando (h)	35-12	Raleigh-Durham (a)	26-14
Birmingham (a)	27-0	Orlando (h)	33-13
Montreal (h)	45-7	San Antonio (a)	14-22
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San Antonio (a)	36-15	Birmingham (h)	11-8
New York/New Jersey (a)	22-7	San Antonio (h)	17-7
Sacramento (a)	45-21	Frankfurt (h)	3-10
Barcelona (h)	17-20	London (a)	20-17
Play-off:		Play-off	
New York/New Jersey (a)	42-26	Birmingham (a)	10-3

* Victory in overtime.

Players in 1991 all-World League team: J Horton, S Gabbard, P Benardelli, D Maronne, S Gelbaugh, D Lockett, C Ervin, P Alexander.
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Leading receiver: J Garrett (76 passes).
Leading yardage: Horton (1,155).
Leading rusher: J Alexander (514 yds).
Most interceptions: D Dodge (8).
Most sacks: Lockett (13.5).

Players in 1991 all-World League team: G Taylor, B Clark.
Leading points scorers: M Mencs 80 (18 conversions, 14 field goals); L Carr 48 (8 touchdowns); Taylor 36 (6 tds).
Leading receiver: D Davis (38 passes).
Leading yardage: Taylor (745).
Leading rusher: J Ball (453 yds).
Most interceptions: R Goetz (4).
Most sacks: Clark (9).

Tough struggle for TV ratings

FROM JAMES BONE
IN NEW YORK

THE television audience watching the World Bowl at Wembley between the London Monarchs and the Barcelona Dragons tomorrow will miss what many in the United States regard as the best part of the new World League of American Football (WLAF). The "helmet-cam" has caused more of a stir here than the play in the league itself.

Technicians from the USA Network, one of two US television outlets that show WLAF games, found a way of inserting a mini-television camera inside the helmets of key players.

The result has been fast-moving, topsy-turvy images of heavy tackles or fine passes, seen from the players' point of view. "That has attracted the most attention," according to Gary Ferman, a sportswriter for *The National*, the daily sports newspaper. "Their TV ratings were pretty bad; their attendance here in the United States was pretty bad; coverage in newspapers was minimal, except in cities where they had teams; and none of their players are name players," Ferman said.

ABC, the other American network that has rights to show WLAF games, wanted to try out the new camera in tomorrow's game, which it will broadcast live in the United States but technicians found that it was not compatible with European television systems.

The gimmicky new camera apart, the WLAF has not impressed many in the United States. Mike Lupica, a sports columnist with the *New York Daily News*, said: "I have not watched a minute of the World League. You would have to take my cat hostage."

Two previous attempts to launch a spring season of American football, the World Football League in the mid-1970s and the US Football League in the mid-1980s, both failed.

ABC has signed a two-year contract rumoured to be worth around $24 million (more than £14 million) which allows the network to air ten league games a year, plus one play-off and the World Bowl. USA Network, a cable television station that reaches 56 million households, has a four-year contract said to be worth $26 million (£15.4 million), with the final two years under negotiation.

Both television channels report disappointing audience numbers. ABC says its Sunday afternoon WLAF games attract about 1.8 million households, a little below the minimum regarded as respectable for spring sports, and USA Network says its games reach about 775,000 homes, less than half of what it had hoped for.

But Cameron Buchanan, of ABC, says she hopes the new league will catch on. She points out that the network's games reach 65 per cent of the target audience of 18 to 45-year-old men. "They just enjoy football and do not like golf."

A glorious week ahead for the armchair viewer

By KEN LAWRENCE

SPORT ON TELEVISION
THE WEEK IN VIEW

THE British sports viewing public should count its blessings this week. There are 114 hours of live sport scheduled over the next seven days, starting with the England-West Indies Test match this morning and ending with the US Open golf championship.

As well as the Test at Headingley, cricket provides the Benson and Hedges Cup semi-final between Lancashire and Yorkshire and the Middlesex-Leicestershire Refuge League match on Sky Sports. There is classic racing (the Oaks at Epsom today on Channel 4 and the Belmont Stakes, last of the American triple crown, tonight on Screensport). The French tennis finals will be played in Paris (BBC today and tomorrow) and the Stella Artois and Eastbourne tournaments begin next week (BBC and Sky Sports).

American football's World Bowl, basketball's NBA final series and championship boxing are all covered ... and golf. This weekend Screensport has the Murphy's Cup at Fulford and the Buick Classic, then the US Open from the Hazeltine club in Chaska (four hours on both Thursday and Friday nights).

Almost 20 per cent of Screensport's June screenings will be live (a total of 111 hours) and George Black, director of programmes, forecasts that it will not be the last record-breaking month.

The live commitment is reflected elsewhere. Jonathan Martin, the BBC head of sport, is planning "the most extensive live coverage yet of an Olympic Games" from Barcelona in 1992. Dave Hill, who controls Sky Sports, considers it "absolutely vital" to go live whenever possible while Bob Burrows, the ITV head of sport, has always made two demands — live and exclusive. ITV does not cover the FA Cup final now because it has to share with the BBC.

Certainly we should all be counting our blessings.

THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

TODAY: A fast start with West Indies playing England at Headingley and the pace does not slacken until the Belmont Stakes is raced to settle America's triple crown. The Test match opens in *Grandstand* (BBC1 from 10.50am) and switches to BBC2 (4.50pm). *Grandstand* also has the women's final from the French tennis championships with Steffi Graf and Monica Seles. Tennis from Beckenham on Sky Sports (1.30-6pm). There is racing from Haydock (BBC1) and Epsom (Channel 4) before Screensport put out the Belmont at 10pm. Murphy's Cup golf is on both ITV (1.10pm) and Screensport (4pm) while football refuses to lie down with England's seniors playing in New Zealand (BBC1, around 1pm) and their schoolboys playing Germany at Wembley (ITV 2.45pm).

TOMORROW: There is Sunday play from Headingley (BBC1, 10.55am). Dan Maskell and Virginia Wade report on the men's tennis final in Paris (BBC2, from 1.25pm), the UK athletics championships find a spot on Channel 4 (2.30pm) and there is live golf on Screensport (Murphy's Cup at 4.30pm and the Buick Classic at 6.30). London Monarchs' World Bowl final with Barcelona Dragons is live on Sky Sports (5.15pm).

MONDAY: Stella Artois Tennis at Queen's opens live on Sky Sports (2-6pm). The final day of the Test match is on BBC1 at 10.55am and 1.15pm, and then on BBC2 from 2.45; Sky Sports show two hours of highlights at 8pm.

TUESDAY: Tennis at Queen's is again on Sky Sports as the leading men warm up for Wimbledon (2-8pm). Tony McKenzie's Commonwealth light-welterweight championship fight can be seen on Screensport (8pm). The second leg of the Italian cup final between Sampdoria and Roma is on Sky Sports (8pm).

WEDNESDAY: Birmingham may not be staging the Olympics but they are hosting the 97th Session of the International Olympic Committee being opened by the Queen (BBC2, 2.55pm). This affects coverage of the Stella Artois tennis, which is live on BBC2 (2-15 and 3.30pm) with Sky Sports putting together two hours of highlights from 7.30. A preview of the US Open golf is on Sky Sports (10pm).

THURSDAY: Live coverage from Chaska of the US Open golf is on both Screensport (7pm and 10.30pm) and Sky Sports (4-8pm and 10-midnight). Highlights of the tennis at Queen's are sandwiched between the golf sessions on Sky. The afternoon action at Queen's is live on BBC2 (2.15 and 4pm) with *On The Line* on BBC2 at 8.30pm.

FRIDAY: An overabundance of golf from Chaska: Sky Sports and Screensport show it as they did on the first day and BBC2 join in belatedly (11.20pm); however they show the Stella Artois tennis continuously from 2.20-6pm.

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ATHLETICS

Champions duel at Cardiff

By DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

ECHOES from Split will be picked up in Cardiff this weekend when the Pearl Assurance United Kingdom championships take place over two days. Echoes of both good and bad. Six Britons who triumphed in the European championships last summer will be there to rekindle memories of the good times; the women's 10,000 metres will be a reminder of the bad.

A men's 200 metres including John Regis, the European champion, Marcus Adam, the Commonwealth champion, and Roger Black, the European 400 metres champion, should be the highlight. In the 100 metres, Linford Christie races Colin Jackson, back on the track where he set a 200 metres hurdles world best last Saturday. Kriss Akabusi and Paul Sanders, facing each other in the 400 metres, complete the line-up of European champions (Sanders was lead-leg runner in Britain's four by 400 metres relay win in Split).

When the championships were over, British men having taken eight gold medals to the women's one, Joan Allison, the women's team manager, complained of unequal opportunity. She said women had been "pushed under the carpet because they are an embarrassment" and had been alarmed to learn that the two 1991 televised international matches were to be men-only.

Women have now been included in the televised internationals against Germany (June 19) and the Soviet Union (July 19) and Dave Bedford, chairman of a working group set up to assist women and field events, said yesterday that he was optimistic there would be increased scope for British women on the international circuit this summer.

The marathon and walks apart, today represents the first chance for Britain's women to secure places in the Tokyo world championship team.

However, the response serves only to underline the theme of the defence presented by Andy Norman, the British Amateur Athletic Board's promotions officer, at the time of Allison's complaints: that British women were less ambitious. There are only six entered for the WAAA 10,000 metres, the trial for Tokyo.

Jill Hunter and Liz McColgan, who run the 3,000 metres this weekend, are assured of 10,000 metres places and Andrea Wallace, comfortably Britain's next best, has put staying at home to be with her children and preparing for the world 15-kilometre road championship next October before Tokyo. That leaves easy pickings for the third spot.

☐ The ADT London Marathon, the biggest in the world, continues to go from strength to strength. Organisers announced yesterday that a record number of 35,750 entries will be accepted for next year's race, on April 12.

This is nearly 1,000 more than for the 1991 event, which incorporated the World Marathon Cup. Runners will be able to apply for entry forms at all branches of the TSB as from Monday.

HOCKEY

England take no chances with Mayer

SOMA Singh, of Southgate, who was not originally picked for the European Cup in Paris next week, has been brought into the squad as a stand-by for England's two warm-up matches against Canada at Bisham Abbey this weekend (Sydney Friskin writes).

Doubts about the fitness of Mayer prompted the management to call on Soma Singh. A watchful eye will also need to be kept on Halls, whose injuries forced him to drop out of the recent four nations' tournament in Brussels.

Canada arrive in great heart, having won another four nations' tournament at Lisburn and drawn 4-4 with Wales at Newport earlier this week. They have retained ten members of the 1990 World Cup squad that finished eleventh in Lahore, including their main scorers, Rutledge and Gifford. They are preparing for the Pan-American Games in August which they must win to avoid the Olympic qualifying tournament at Auckland in October.

SUBJECT TO THE WEEKEND RAINES

TODAY

CRICKET

First Cornhill Test match
11.0, 90 overs minimum
HEADINGLEY: England v West Indies.

Britannic Assurance county championship
11.0, 110 overs minimum
CHESTERFIELD: Derbyshire v Glamorgan
ILFORD: Essex v Worcestershire.
SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire v Gloucestershire.
TUNBRIDGE WELLS: Kent v Sussex
UXBRIDGE: Middlesex v Leicestershire.
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Somerset.

Other match
11.30 to 5.30 or 6.0
THE PARKS: Oxford University v Lancashire
OTHER MATCH: Lord's: Eton v Harrow

FOOTBALL

SCHOOLS INTERNATIONAL: Under-15: England v Germany (Wembley, 3.0).

BOWLS

NATWEST BANK MIDDLETON CUP: (3.0). Group 1: Section A: Derbyshire v Northumberland (Derby West End); Nottinghamshire v Yorkshire (Nottingham). Section B: Cumbria v Durham (Dalston). Lancashire v Lincolnshire (Southport). Group 2: Section A: Huntingdonshire v Cambridgeshire (Brampton Institute); Hertfordshire v Warwickshire (St Albans Townsend) Section B: Leicestershire v Bedfordshire (New Lount); Essex v Suffolk (Essex County). Group 3: Section A: Middlesex v Buckinghamshire (West London); Hampshire v Surrey (Athelney). Section B: Berkshire v Isle of Wight (Trenton); Kent v Sussex (Hartley Country Club). Group 4: Section A: Cornwall v Devon (Veryan); Dorset v Herefordshire (Bath). Section B: Gloucestershire v Somerset (Cheltenham); Wiltshire v Worcestershire (Swindon).

HANDBALL

BRITISH CUP FINALS: (at Tryst Sports Centre, Cumbernauld, Glasgow, 10.30am): U-18 Girls: Manchester United v Kirkby. U-18 Boys: Manchester United v Tryst. Women: Ruislip v Wakefield. Men: Ruislip v Liverpool.

OTHER SPORT

ATHLETICS: Pearl Assurance UK Championships (Cardiff).
CYCLING: Milk Race (Manchester to Liverpool).
GOLF: Murphy's Cup (Fulford).
POLO: Royal Windsor Cup (Guards, Windsor); BMW Prince of Wales Trophy (RCBPC, Windsor); Queen's Cup (Guards, Windsor).
SPORT FOR THE DISABLED: National Wheelchair Games (Stoke Mandeville).
TENNIS: Direct Line Insurance tournament (Beckenham).

TOMORROW

CRICKET

First Cornhill Test match
11.0, 90 overs minimum
HEADINGLEY: England v West Indies.

Refuge Assurance League
2.0, 40 overs
CHESTERFIELD: Derbyshire v Surrey.
ILFORD: Essex v Worcestershire.
MORETON IN MARSH: Gloucestershire v Northamptonshire.
BASINGSTOKE: Hampshire v Sussex.
OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Glamorgan.
UXBRIDGE: Middlesex v Leicestershire.
TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Somerset.

AUSTRALIAN RULES

BRITISH LEAGUE (BARFL): Earls Court Roos v London Hawks (Old Cranleighs RC, Thames Ditton); WL Walkabout Wildcats v East Midlands Eagles (Southfields); Bristol Bears v Thames Valley Magpies (Arethens RC, Bristol); Wandsworth Demons v Lea Valley Saints (Clapham Common); Sussex Swans v North London Lions (Kings Manor School, Shoreham on Sea).

BASEBALL

BRITISH LEAGUE: Nottingham Hornets v Liverpool Tigers; London Athletics v Nottingham Pirates; Humberside Mets v Essex Arrows; Cambridge Royals v Enfield Spartans.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

WLAF WORLD BOWL: London Monarchs v Barcelona Dragons (Wembley, 5.25)

COCA-COLA BRITISH LEAGUE: First division: Manchester Spartans v Glasgow Lions; Birmingham Bulls v Nottingham Hoods; Leeds Cougars v Gateshead Senators; Northants Storm v Thames Valley Chargers; Bournemouth Bobcats v Brighton 852's; London Olympians v Essex Gladiators; Bristol Packers v Portsmouth Warriors. Second division: SMC Admirals v Medway Mustangs; Coventry Jaguars v West London Aces; Redditch Arrows v Cardiff Mets; Bolton Buccaneers v Stoke Spitfires.

OTHER SPORT

ATHLETICS: Pearl Assurance UK Championships (Cardiff).
GOLF: Murphy's Cup (Fulford).
MOTOR SPORT: Esso Touring Car Championship (Silverstone); Formula 3 championship (Silverstone).
POLO: Royal Windsor Cup (Guards, Windsor); Queen's Cup (Guards, Windsor).
SPORT FOR DISABLED: National Wheelchair Games (Stoke Mandeville).
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TRY THIS

Denis Tingay's suggestion for a sporting day out

HARNESS RACING: National Pacing Derby: British harness racing, whose traditions date to the late 1950s, when the first permanent hard-tracks were laid, stages its own Derby today at York.

Three heats, being run at 6.0, 6.20 and 6.40 will determine the winners and six fastest losers who will run in the mile-and-a-half final at 8.50. A mobile start, where the horses begin the race already at full speed (30mph) will be used. A further six races will support the Derby programme.

Almost all of the 1,200 horses racing at present are trained by their owners and with average race purses of £200 (the Derby winner nets £2,000), the sport remains a labour of love.

EVENT DETAILS: The York track is situated on Pool Lane, which runs north off the A59, nine miles west of York and one mile east of Green Hammerton. For further information on the sport, send two first-class stamps to the British Harness Racing Club, Bryn Goleu, Bryniau, Rhyl, LL18 6ER.

Becker fails in attempt to play clay-court ace at his own game

Rhythmic Agassi sets up rare all-American final

From ANDREW LONGMORE
TENNIS CORRESPONDENT
PARIS

ANDRE Agassi, a man who has been oft accused of not talking enough with his racket in recent years, was altogether too eloquent for Boris Becker in the semi-final of the French Open yesterday. The American reduced Becker to total silence, winning 7-5, 6-3, 3-6, 6-1, in two hours and 45 minutes and once again ended Becker's glimpse of a first French Open title.

Becker's chances of replacing Stefan Edberg as No. 1 have also been postponed until Wimbledon because Becker announced that he would not be returning immediately to grass at Queen's next week.

Agassi will meet Jim Courier tomorrow in the first all-American final at the French since Tony Trabert beat Art Larsen in 1954. Courier beat Michael Stich, Becker's Davis Cup colleague, 6-2, 6-7, 6-2, 6-4.

Becker was unlucky. For the second time this year, he crossed swords with a clay-court player at the top of his game: Sergi Bruguera in Monte Carlo and Andre Agassi yesterday.

"I have never felt as comfortable as I have done here. The crowd is on my side and I will take good memories from this tournament," Becker said. Those will not, however, include the moment of high comedy which virtually cost him the first set and, he said later, decided the destiny of the match.

Becker had already saved two set points in a desperately tight first set, but had a point to break Agassi to 6-5. Risking everything, Agassi went for a second serve ace, which was called in but which Becker felt was too long. In his haste to check his decision, the linesman tripped and lost his glasses, which were retrieved and donned by Becker. The crowd were amused. Becker less so as the call stood.

"That point really killed me," said Becker. "Both of us knew that whoever won the first set would have the mental advantage for the next hour and that is what happened."

The first set lasted 71 minutes, the next, with Agassi settling into a confident rhythm, took 31 minutes as Becker was reduced to a repertoire of Shakespearian soliloquies, complete with gestures and glances at the heavens, in reaction to seemingly inevitable defeat.

A more coherent policy might have been to get to the net, but whether through obstinance or genuine belief in his own abilities as a clay-court player, Becker stayed back.

The plan surprised and delighted Agassi. The consistency of his ground strokes pinned Becker to the back of the court for all but the third set, when Agassi lost patience and forsook variety for power, but Becker seemed determined to play Agassi at his own game as he had done in the semi-final of the US Open, and the result was the same.

"I haven't been able to serve and volley over the past two weeks because of my right leg," Becker said. "But my game isn't just serve-and-volley anyway. You cannot just come in on everything; it's too easy to pass."

Agassi survived an early break in the fourth set, broke again to lead 3-1 with a forehand pass, and reached his third successive grand slam final — he did not play Wimbledon or the Australian Open — with an ace, a full stop of Becker-like finality.

SEMI-FINALS: Men's singles: A Agassi (US) bt B Becker (Ger), 7-5, 6-3, 3-6, 6-1; J Courier (US) bt M Stich (Ger), 6-2, 6-7, 6-2, 6-4. Men's doubles: J Fitzgerald (Aus) and A Jarryd (Swe) bt G Connell and G Michibata (Can), 6-0, 6-4. Women's doubles: G Fernandez (US) and J Novotna (Cz) bt A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) and H Sukova (Cz), 7-5, 5-7, 6-4. Mixed doubles: H Sukova and C Suk (Cz) bt A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) and J Lozano (Mex), 1-6, 6-2, 9-7. Junior men's singles: A Medvedev (USSR) bt D Wiri (US), 6-4, 6-2. Junior men's doubles: J Knowle and J Unterberger (Austria) bt A Pavel and A Radulescu (Rom), 6-4, 6-2.

Wristband for luck

ARANTXA Sánchez Vicario will rely on superstition more than statistics to beat Monica Seles in the final of the women's singles at the French Open this afternoon (Andrew Longmore writes).

The Spaniard will wear the same wristband she had on during her historic victory over Steffi Graf in the final two years ago and the equally stunning win in the semi-final two days ago. "I always wear it for my important matches," Sánchez Vicario said.

Statistics are not so much in her favour, however. The No. 5 seed has taken only one set off Seles, the defending champion, in four matches and she will not be expected to better that record here, even though she has run into a rich vein of form, dropping only 19 games. Seles has the added incentive of needing to win to stay No. 1 ahead of Graf.



Eye on the prize: Andre Agassi during his semi-final victory over Boris Becker

Rain fails to halt progress by Cash

By BARRY WOOD

THE Direct Line Insurance tournament at Beckenham took on a more familiar appearance yesterday, as rain that had threatened to disrupt the proceedings all week eventually arrived and delayed Pat Cash in his stride towards the semi-finals.

There was not a great deal to be enjoyed under such gloomy skies. The points were swift, lasting no more than three or four strokes, but at least there was the satisfaction of watching the Australian in excellent form.

Cash, held up when leading Brad Pearce, of the United States, by a set and 4-2, quickly finished the job when play resumed after a break of more than an hour.

Pearce served out to love, but Cash responded by serving three consecutive aces and winning the final eight points to win 6-4, 6-3. "I warmed up well, which was important," Cash said of his performance after the break. "It's like starting the match all over again, except you've got a fair idea of what the guy does."

Four victories this week have shown Cash to be in excellent shape as Wimbledon approaches, and he considers he has a chance of repeating his feat of 1987 when he claimed the championship.

"Anything is possible," he said. "I wouldn't be in it if I didn't think I could win. I'm very pleased with the way it's all starting to come together again."

QUARTER-FINALS: Men's singles: P Cash (Aus) bt B Pearce (US), 6-4, 6-3; J Stoltenberg (Aus) bt M Ondruska (SA), 6-1, 7-5.

How the Tote Board suppressed merchant bank's critical report

By RICHARD EVANS

THE efforts of Lord Wyatt of Weeford and senior figures at the Horserace Totalisator Board to thwart the publication of a critical report by Lloyds Merchant Bank into the Tote's activities have been disclosed to *The Times*.

A file of letters and reports has surfaced just before Lord Wyatt is questioned by the Commons home affairs select committee, which on Monday starts its enquiry into the workings of the Tote. The information shown to us includes correspondence between Lord Wyatt, the chairman of the Tote, and the home secretary, a memo by a Tote director attacking a member of the bank's investigating team, and details of the report which criticised Lord Wyatt and the Tote structure.

The Lloyds report into possible privatisation of the Tote was commissioned by the home office in September 1988 and submitted to Douglas Hurd, then the home secretary, the following April. Hurd intended to publish a summary of the findings on July 20 1989 — "to end speculation and uncertainty" over its contents — and a home office press release was prepared, containing quotes from Hurd.

However, twenty-four hours before the proposed publication, Hurd wrote to Lord Wyatt and, following objections from Wyatt, Hurd agreed to cancel publication of the findings.

Hurd's letter said: "You have made clear to me your strong initial criticisms of the conclusions which Lloyds Merchant Bank have come to in their feasibility study of privatising the Tote and the damage which you and your Board consider that publication of the summary which I gave you would do to Tote morale.

"I promised to reflect on what you have said and to reconsider the plan to issue a press release with Lloyds' findings tomorrow. In the circumstances I accept that publication of Lloyds' findings tomorrow would be unhelpful and we are accordingly suspending publication.

"As to the substance of Lloyds' recommendations I cannot of course dismiss their conclusions out of hand."

The report has remained locked away ever since. The Hurd decision delighted Tote chiefs, as can be guaged from a memo sent by the Hon David Montagu (now Lord Swaythling), a Tote director, to Lord Wyatt the same day:

"Well done. You appear to have bought time but the problem I suspect will not go away and, for that reason, the more strongly your memorandum is worded to the Home Secretary the better.

"It should concentrate on annihilating the recommendations of the piddling little man at Lloyds Merchant Bank who clearly has to be a congenital idiot to have recommended what he has to the Home Office."

The extravagance of feeling contained in Montagu's remarks typifies the attitude within the higher echelons of the Tote to the Lloyds' enquiry.

Within days of the home office's announcement of the privatisation feasability study, Lord Wyatt had written a strongly-worded letter to a senior civil servant at the home office, passing on the views of his board.

The Tote chairman said the board had been "greatly disturbed" by some of the questions asked and remarks made by Lloyds. He said the board would not show minutes of its meetings to the merchant bankers and directors would not be interviewed separately on their views on privatisation. No Tote employee could be interviewed by the Lloyds' team without a senior executive being present.

The final recommendations and conclusions made by Lloyds annoyed Lord Wyatt and fellow-directors — and it is easy to understand why. In the board's words, they amounted to "a recipe for the total emasculation of the Tote in the long term".



Swaything: strongly-worded memo to Wyatt

The main conclusions included selling off the Tote's bookmaking division, privatising the Tote by vesting it in the Racecourse Assocation, and restructuring its board.

Wyatt and his colleagues responded with a 14-page memo "strictly private and confidential for the Home Office only" in which they were unremitting in their criticism of Lloyds Merchant Bank and the report. They spoke of inexcusable ommissions, naivety, unwise proposals, and ignorance.

"The Tote Board considers that the Lloyds report is highly offensive and damaging in making unjustified statements about the Tote Board structure and management. If it were published, the Board would be bound to consider taking legal advice."

In a final blast, The Tote submission ended by saying: "It would be a pity if the Home Office, who are frequently invited but have taken little interest in the workings of the Tote, could give countenance to such frivolity."

Muddle buys second track

WOLVERHAMPTON racecourse was yesterday sold for £3.2million to Ron Muddle, who already owns another racecourse, Southwell.

There was opposition from a group of shareholders of the publicly-quoted Wolverhampton Racecourse Company, believing Muddle's offer to be "derisory".

Head holds strong hand in classic

From OUR FRENCH RACING CORRESPONDENT, PARIS

KAZOO, the mount of Walter Swinburn, is the only British challenger for the Prix de Diane Hermes (French Oaks) at Chantilly tomorrow.

The top-class Criquette Head-trained pair of Treble and Brooklyn's Dance look set to head the Pari-mutuel betting for the £140,000 first prize.

The Bill Watts-trained Kazoo benefited from some opportunistic riding by Walter Swinburn when winning the group two Arag-Preis at Dusseldorf last month and faces an altogether higher grade of opposition. She is coupled for Pari-mutuel betting purposes with Sha Tha, owned also by Sheikh Mohammed.

Heavy rain in Chantilly over the past few days has come to the aid of the unbeaten Brookyn's Dance, though there is a strong body of opinion that believes that it will be her stable companion Treble, a three-parts sister to the former champion French racemareTriptych who will be entering the winner's enclosure.

The Aga Khan's filly Masslama has been most impressive in winning her three races but suffered a setback after winning the Prix Vanteaux at Longchamp in April. Her trainer Alain de Royer Dupre has done well to get her back for this event and success would be a major feather in his cap.

Others to consider are Pat Eddery's mount Polemic, who had been an intended Oaks runner until a late change of heart by connections, and Caerlina, an unlucky third in the Poule D'Essai des Pouliches (French 1,000 Guineas) after almost falling in the early stages.

Lester Piggott has not managed to secure a mount in the Prix de Diane, but rides John Hammond's Safawan in the Prix du Chemin de Fer du Nord.

Big-race field

Going: good to soft

2.55 PRIX DE DIANE HERMES (Group I; 3-Y-O fillies: £142,566: 1m 2f 110yd) (13 runners, all carry 9-2)

0-32 Polemic trained by M Zilber (ridden by Pat Eddery); 11-1 Masslama A de Royer-Dupre (W Mongil); 211 Kazoo J W Watts (W R Swinburn); 3-52 Sha Tha A Fabre (S Cauthen); 14-3 Graviares J Bertran de Balanda (C Asmussen); 2-03 After The Sun F Boutin (E Saint-Martin); -544 Magic Night P Demercastel (A Badel); 2-23 Caerlina J de Rouille (E Legrix); 1-21 Treble Mme C Head (F Head); 1-1 Brooklyn's Dance Mme C Head (G Guignard); -411 Ring Besaune Mme C Head (P Bruneau); 153 Louve Romaine A Fabre (D Boeuf); -115 La Monalisa E Lellouche (A Lequeux).

6-4 Treble, Brooklyn's Dance & Ring Besaune (coupled), 5-2 Masslama, 9-2 Kazoo, Sha Tha, 11-2 Polemic, 6-1 Caerlina, 10-1 others.

☐ Dermot Weld's Smooth Performance tackles some of America's top three-year-olds in the Belmont Stakes today, which Weld won last year with Go And Go. The 11-runner field includes the Kentucky Derby winner Strike The Gold and the Preakness winner Hansel.

Piggott inspired on Green Dollar

By RICHARD EVANS

LESTER Piggott has a better strike rate than any other jockey riding this season, and yesterday he showed why with an inspired performance on Green Dollar at Epsom.

With rain falling, the old maestro recorded his twentieth win from 89 rides after seeking out the better ground towards the stands side in the Tokyo Trophy Handicap.

The bold tactic paid off as Eric Wheeler's sprinter conjured up a decisive burst of speed in the last 50 yards to outpoint Gallant Hope by neck. Green Dollar has been unbeaten since having American stick-on shoes put on his brittle feet.

Wheeler, former head lad to Stan Mellor, was elated and, referring to the jockey and winning horse, said: "Two old pros together!"

It was the first time Piggott has ridden for Wheeler. I have never had anything good enough for him to ride before. He was magic wasn't he?"

Asked if the 11 times champion jockey had approached the trainer asking for the ride, Wheeler said: "No. You ring God, don't you?"

The thrilling finish to the race, with necks separating the first three home, typified a day where the judge was kept busy examining photo-finishes to determine winners.

He poured over prints for 15 minutes before deciding Stop Press had just held off a renewed challenge from Adversary in the Sun Life Of Canada Handicap.

A-To-Z also squeaked home by a short head in the opening EBF Flemington Maiden Stakes. But Michael Bell's filly looks destined for better prizes following a display full of promise.

Bell, who has sent out four two-year-old fillies to win first time out, said: "She is a very nice filly and definitely goes for the Queen Mary Stakes at Royal Ascot. She has been working seriously well at home, sitting in behind and then coming clear."

Hateel has been one of Peter Walwyn's most trusty servants in recent seasons and he displayed the utmost gameness to defy 10 stone successfully in the Northern Dancer Handicap. The victory thwarted a major gamble on second-placed Barrish, who was backed from 20-1 in the morning to 6-1 on the course.

CATTERICK BRIDGE

MANDARIN

2.25 Timid. 2.55 Fair Cop. 3.25 Triplicate. 3.55 Turbulent River. 4.25 Balletomane. 4.55 Travelling Blues.

THUNDERER

2.25 Harpley. 2.55 Stefano. 3.25 Ice Magic. 3.55 Turbulent River. 4.25 Balletomane. 4.55 Henry Will.

Our Newmarket Correspondent:
3.55 Turbulent River.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS
DRAW: 6F-7F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.25 ALDBROUGH SELLING STAKES (£2,646: 1m 5f 180yd) (11 runners)

1 210- APPLIANCEOFSCIENCE 12J (G) G Moore 4-9-0 D Nicholls 5
2 1603 COPPER RIVER 22 (G) R Hollinshead 4-9-0 ... S Parks 1
3 00-0 HARPLEY 22 Mrs G Reveley 4-9-0 ... J Lowe 10
4 -6/ PARISIAN 7J J Bennett 6-9-0 ... S Webster 8
5 /5-00 THE YOMPER 14 (S) R Curtis 9-9-0 ... G Duffield 11
6 2413 TIMID 21 (BF) M Pipe 4-9-0 ... D Holland (3) 3
7 0-00 WASSELNI 8 (S) K Morgan 5-9-0 ... A McGlone 6
8 -000 ADELINE LYNN 6J N Tinkler 5-8-9 ... B Raymond 9
9 04/4 BOLD AD 12J J Charlton 7-8-9 ... Jane Findlay 4
10 00-0 MAIORO 22 M Easterby 5-8-9 ... S Morris 7
11 60-4 MEDIA STAR 22 (F) T Kersey 6-8-9 ... Paul Burke 2

9-4 Timid, 7-2 Bold Ad, 9-2 Copper River, 6-1 Appliancefofscience, 7-1 Media Star, 10-1 Adeline Lynn, 14-1 others.

2.55 HORNBY STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,655: 6f) (5)

1 1 ECHO-LOGICAL 31 (G) J Berry 9-4 ... G Duffield 4
2 1 FAIR COP 17 (D,G) P Cole 9-4 ... B Raymond 1
3 1 STEFANO 29 (D,F) S Norton 9-4 ... D Nicholls 5
4 051 GREETLAND FOLLY 21 (D,F) R Whitaker 8-13 A Culhane 2
5 BALADEE PET Mrs V Aconley 8-11 ... Paul Burke 3

6-4 Stefano, 7-4 Fair Cop, 7-2 Echo-Logical, 12-1 Greetland Folly, 25-1 Baladee Pet.

3.25 MIDDLEBROOK MUSHROOMS HANDICAP (£3,850: 1m 7f 180yd) (13)

1 332/ MALAMUTE SALOON 32J M Pipe 5-10-0 D Holland (3) 7
2 41-5 GIPPESWYCK LADY 14 (G,S) M Tompkins 4-9-9 C Hodgson (5) 6
3 4204 COME TO TERMS 18 (F) T Barron 5-9-6 Alex Greaves 10
4 0202 FRESCOBALDO 16 (F) G Moore 5-9-2 ... D Nicholls 13
5 3332 TRIPLICATE 14 (B,BF) J Dunlop 5-9-1 ... G Duffield 8
6 2-00 ICE MAGIC 8 (G) P Calver 4-8-13 ... S Parks 4
7 003- EASTERN WHISPER 15J (F) Denys Smith 4-8-13 J Bleasdale 1
8 -P25 MARLINGFORD 23J Mrs J Jordan 4-8-7 ... B Raymond 2
9 6/0- HOWJAL 12J (F) J Bostock 6-8-5 ... — 9
10 -061 TONGADIN 16 (C,D,F,G,S) M O'Neill 5-8-5 ... J Lowe 11
11 02/5 HUTMER 32J M Dods 6-8-5 ... K Darley 12
12 56-4 TEMPORALE 10J K Burke 5-7-11 ... A Culhane 5
13 30/0- CAPA 434 (G) W Storey 11-7-7 ... S Wood (3) 3

7-2 Tongadin, 4-1 Frescobaldo, 5-1 Triplicate, 6-1 Gippeswyck Lady, 8-1 Malamute Saloon, 10-1 Come To Terms, 12-1 others.

3.55 GAINFORD MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,444: 7f) (7)

1 0-00 BLUES BALIDAR 33 J Spearing 9-0 ... D Nicholls 4
2 0-05 EMDEO 18 R Hollinshead 9-0 ... S Parks 2
3 GREEN'S LE SIDANER P Cole 9-0 ... G Duffield 6
4 606 JOB LOT 37 (S) M H Easterby 9-0 ... K Darley 3
5 0-5 PREMIER VENUES 11 Mrs G Reveley 9-0 ... J Lowe 7
6 0 TURBULENT RIVER 33 (BF) L Cumani 9-0 B Raymond 5
7 5-00 MELDON SONG 10 W Bentley 8-9 ... J Fanning (5) 1

10-11 Turbulent River, 100-30 Green's Le Sidaner, 6-1 Job Lot, 10-1 Premier Venues, 16-1 Emdeo, 33-1 others.

4.25 SWALEDALE MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,668: 1m 4f 40yd) (6)

1 5-0 AYAH 24 M Stoute 8-11 ... P D'Arcy 6
2 4 BALLETOMANE 53 B Hills 8 11 ... D Holland (3) 3
3 0 BASHOOSH 42 A Scott 8-11 ... B Raymond 2
4 0-0 FREEDOM WEEKEND 30 J Fanshawe 8-11 K Darley 1
5 3 TANZ 18 H Cecil 8-11 ... A McGlone 5
6 5-3 ZARISSA 37 (BF) J Dunlop 8 11 G Duffield 4

6-4 Balletomane, 11-4 Tanz, 7-2 Zarissa, 8-1 Ayah, 12-1 Bashoosh, 25-1 Freedom Weekend.

4.55 CROFT HANDICAP (£3,054: 7f) (16)

1 0020 VINTAGE TYPE 92 (CD,F) D Chapman 4-10-0 D Nicholls 12
2 0000 STILL SURPRISED 12J (V,D,F,G) R Whitaker 6-9-11 S Turner (7) 13
3 000- GOTT'S DESIRE 211 (CD,F) R Bastiman 5-9-11 H Bastiman (7) 4
4 -033 SPANISH VERDICT 9 (F) Denys Smith 4-9-6 J Bleasdale 18
5 0021 SKY CAT 7 (B,D,F,G) M H Easterby 7-9-5 ... K Darley 5
6 520/ CROWTHERS 548J (D,F,S) E Weymes 5-9-2 A Culhane 11
7 2220 WILD PROSPECT 15 (G) C Tinkler 3-8-13 Paul Burke 8
8 0000 PLATOON 5 (CD,G) T Barron 4-8-12 ... V Halliday (7) 2
9 0441 COOL ENOUGH 9 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs J Ramsden 10-8-11 D Holland (3) 15
10 0053 HENRY WILL 5 (CD,F,G,S) T Fairhurst 7-8-11 J Fanning (5) 7
11 5364 SAY YOU WILL 5 (V,CD,F,S) M Naughton 7-8-3 A McGlone 9
12 0000 TRAVELLING BLUES 16 (F) Mrs J Ramsden 3-8-2 M McAndrew 6
13 0606 RED ROSEN 12 (F) J H Wilson 5-7-13 G Duffield 1
14 0000 SANDMOOR DENIM 25 (G) S Bowring 4-7-13 A Proud 10
15 400- BATON BOY 131J (D,G) J Wainwright 10-7-12 ... — 8
16 0000 MOST OF ALL 12 (B) T Kersey 5-7-7 ... N Kennedy (5) 14

5-1 Cool Enough, 6-1 Spanish Verdict, 7-1 Henry Will, 8-1 Say You Will, Sky Cat, 10-1 Wild Prospect, 12-1 Vintage Type, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 12 winners from 23 runners, 52.2%; J Dunlop, 7 from 18, 38.9%, L Cumani, 11 from 30, 36.7%; M Stoute, 9 from 26, 31.0%, B Hills, 15 from 53, 28.3%, P Cole, 9 from 36, 25.0%.

JOCKEYS: Alex Greaves, 7 winners from 27 rides, 25.9%, S Perks, 14 from 115, 12.2%; D Nicholls, 21 from 181, 11.6%; G Duffield, 26 from 228, 11.4%, S Wood, 7 from 67, 10.4%; K Darley, 21 from 203, 10.3%

(Not including yesterday's results)

CARLISLE

MANDARIN

6.30 Battle Of Flowers. 7.00 Nao Faz Mal. 7.30 Daleside Ladybird. 8.00 Almaaseh. 8.30 Kick On Majestic. 9.00 Showmanship.

THUNDERER

6.30 Battle Of Flowers. 7.00 A Gentleman Two. 7.30 Daleside Ladybird. 8.00 Almaaseh. 8.30 Talberno Boy. 9.00 Commanche Guest.

GOING: HARD
DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

6.30 CARLISLE COURTS HANDICAP (£2,564: 1m) (5 runners)

1 0334 KILLINGHALL 15 (B) J Watts 3-9-10 ... J Lowe 3
2 3-04 BATTLE OF FLOWERS 15 C Wall 4-9-8 ... N Day 5
3 0083 GENAIR 5 (B,D,F) G Moore 5-9-6 ... K Fallon 1
4 -042 CROFTER'S CLINE 9 (V,C,F,G) M O'Neill 7-9-4 J Fortune 4
5 3448 NORQUAY 7J (CD,F,G,S) N Tinkler 8-9-2 ... Kim Tinkler 2

9-4 Crofter's Cline, 5-2 Battle Of Flowers, 7-2 Genair, 4-1 Killinghall, 8-1 Norquay.

7.00 LANES CLAIMING STAKES (£2,738: 1m) (11)

1 -020 ACQUISITION 15 J Berry 4-9-8 ... J Carroll 2
2 000/4 YAMANOUCHI 10J D Moffatt 7-9-4 ... K Darley 9
3 -000 EVER SO SHARP 15 (B,F,G) J Smith 8-9-2 ... R Lappin 10
4 -000 GREY MERLIN 14J (B) A Harrison 4-8-13 J Fanning (5) 4
5 4-30 A GENTLEMAN TWO 21 (G) G Moore 5-8-12 ... K Fallon 3
6 SCALAMON 35J (B) D Moffatt 4-8-12 ... J Fortune 5
7 -090 STAND AT EASE 15J W Storey 6-8-12 ... S Webster 11
8 00- MAGDALENE HEIGHTS 248 D Topley 3-8-9 ... J Lowe 1
9 600- RUADH ADHAR 14J (B) L Lungo 5-8-9 ... Paul Burke 6
10 500- NAO FAZ MAL 233 John FitzGerald 3-8-6 ... N Day 7
11 6-40 ORCHANDA 10 M Camacho 3-7-13 ... N Connorton 8

5-2 Acquisition, 7-2 Yamanouchi, 9-2 A Gentleman Two, 5-1 Orchanda, 8-1 Nao Faz Mal, 10-1 Grey Merlin, 12-1 others.

7.30 CARLISLE CASTLE HANDICAP (£2,498: 5f) (8)

1 0300 J CHEEVER LOOPHOLE 11 (V,D,F,S) C Tinkler 8-9-13 M Birch 5
2 0-00 RESTLESS DON 11 (D,F) M H Easterby 6-9-3 J Carroll 8
3 00-5 K C RAPIDE 4 R Stubbs 4-9-0 ... E Guest 3
4 0400 TOPHAMS 49 (B) Ronald Thompson 5-8-10 ... A Proud 4
5 0008 HINARI HI FI 15 (C,D,F,G) W Haigh 6-8-4 ... R Lappin 1
6 0022 FILICAIA 8 (V,CD,F,G) Don Enrico Incisa 5-8-4 Kim Tinkler 6
7 -104 DALESIDE LADYBIRD 12 (CD,F) T Fairhurst 5-8-2 J Fanning (5) 2
8 3222 JIVE MUSIC 5 (B,D,BF,G) N Bycroft 5-7-12 ... J Lowe 7

3-1 Daleside Ladybird, 4-1 J Cheever Loophole, 6-1 Filicaia, 8-1 Hinari Hi Fi, Jive Music, 10-1 Restless Don, 12-1 others.

8.00 SANDS CENTRE MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,434: 6f) (4)

1 08 ELEGANT FRIEND 15 M Tompkins 9-0 C Hodgson (5) 1
2 5- ALMAASEH 219 H Thomson Jones 8-9 ... R Hills 4
3 -003 DOMINIE STAR 10 R Whitaker 8-9 ... A Culhane 3
4 30 ROSSANITA 40 D Topley 8-9 ... J Lowe 2

10-11 Almaaseh, 2-1 Dominie Star, 7-2 Elegant Friend, 12-1 Rossanita.

8.30 EBF CARLISLE STATION MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,564: 6f) (5)

1 GREEN CHANNEL D Moffatt 9-0 ... S Webster 5
2 4 KICK ON MAJESTIC 70 J Berry 9-0 ... J Carroll 2
3 0 OUR JOHN 15 Ronald Thompson 9-0 ... A Proud 3
4 0 SUPER MARCO 22 W Haigh 9-0 ... A McGlone 1
5 5 TALBERNO BOY 29 M Prescott 9-0 ... G Duffield 4

13-8 Kick On Majestic, 9-4 Talberno Boy, 9-2 Our John, 6-1 Green Channel, 12-1 Super Marco

9.00 CARLISLE CITY HANDICAP (£2,521. 1m 4f) (4)

1 -301 COMMANCHE GUEST 7 (D,F) R Guest 3-9-10 ... N Day 3
2 0-54 AZUBAH 10 (C,F) G Moore 4-9-9 ... K Fallon 1
3 0321 SHOWMANSHIP 11 (D,G) C Wall 4-9-5 ... A McGlone 2
4 -035 AMOOD POINT 14 (V) J Etherington 4-8-11 ... K Darley 4

Evens Commanche Guest, 5-2 Showmanship, 3-1 Azubah, 10-1 Amood Point.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: C Wall, 3 winners from 5 runners, 60.0%, M Tompkins, 9 from 43, 20.9%; R Whitaker, 5 from 26, 19.2%; J Watts, 14 from 75, 18.7%; H Thomson Jones, 5 from 29, 17.2%; J Berry, 19 from 112, 17.0%.

JOCKEYS: N Day, 3 winners from 13 rides, 23.1%; A Culhane, 11 from 69, 15.9%; R Lappin, 3 from 21, 14.3%; M Birch, 19 from 134, 14.2%; R Hills, 3 from 22, 13.6%; N Connorton, 11 from 90, 12.2%.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S MEETINGS

Epsom

Going: good

2.00 (6f) 1, A-TO-Z (M Hills, 11-4 jt-fav); 2, Haroldon (R Cochrane, 11-4 jt-fav); 3, Cradle Days (M Roberts, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 3 Seek A Fortune (5th), 33 Fair Flyer (4th), High Baccarat (6th), 6 ran. Sh hd, ¾l, nk, ½l, 2l. M Bell at Newmarket. Tote: £3.60; £1.50, £1.90. DF: £5.70. CSF: £9.60. 1min 10.04sec.

2.35 (1m 110yd) 1, Bighayir (N Carlisle, 6-1); 2, Royal Dartmouth (R Price, 12-1); 3, Dancing Sensation (A Munro, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 5 fav Sharp N' Smooth, 6 Milne's Way, Monteros Boy (5th), 8 Amethystine, 10 Verdant Boy (8th), 11 Charming Girl, 12 Magic Express (4th), Glassblower, 16 Superoo, 25 Golden Ancona, 33 Knight's Spur. 14 ran. Nk, 1½l. B Meehan at Cullompton. Tote: £9.60; £2.80, £3.60, £3.90. DF: £54.70. CSF: £73.97. Tricast: £905.05. 1min 46.37sec.

3.05 (1m 2f) 1, STOP PRESS (R Cochrane, 9-4 fav); 2, Adversary (Pat Eddery, 11-4); 3, Surrey Dancer (N Carlisle, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Friedland (4th), 8 Darussin, Daxwald, 10 Master Lasse (5th), 16 Swift Romance, 20 Dom Wac (6th). 9 ran. Sh hd, ¾l, ¾l, ½l, 2½l. M Stoute at Newmarket. Tote: £3.40; £1.40, £1.70, £1.50. DF: £3.80. CSF: £8.77. Tricast: £42.02. NR: Affair Of Honour. 2min 09.18sec.

3.40 (1m 4f) 1, HATEEL (W Carson, 7-1); 2, Bamfish (T Williams, 6-1); 3, Endoll (M Roberts, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Tidesmark (5th), 4 Secret Society (4th), 9-2 Lift And Load, 10 Secret Waters (6th), 16 Royal Standard, The Gooler, 20 Celestial Guest, Carlingford. 11 ran. ¾l, nk, 5l, 2l, ¾l, P Walwyn at Lambourn. Tote: £9.60; £2.90, £1.50, £3.00. DF: £24.10. CSF: £48.06. Tricast: £387.50. 2min 38.65sec.

4.10 (6f) 1, GREEN DOLLAR (L Piggott, 9-1); 2, Gallant Hope (N Carlisle, 8-1); 3, Craft Express (M Roberts, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 4 fav Baileys, 6 Grand Prix (5th), Our Fan, 7 Bold Lez, 9 Letsbeonestaboutit, Cronk's Courage (6th), 12 Notley (4th), Joe Sugden, 33 Swaything. 16 ran. Sh hd, nk, 2½l, ¾l, ½l. E Wheeler at Lambourn. Tote: £7.60; £2.00, £2.70, £3.30. DF: £25.00. Trio: £200.20. CSF: £78.00. Tricast: £885.70. 1min 10.17sec.

4.45 (1m 110yd) 1, AFFAIR TO REMEMBER (A Munro, 14-1); 2, Badawi (W R Swinburn, 12-1); 3, Dizzy (M Hills, 100-30). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Oh Mercy (5th), 3 Crystal Ring (6th), 14 Violence (4th), 16 Clovermill, 33 Tudorsalm, 50 Pamlambe, Savina. 10 ran. ¼l, 1½l, nk, 4l, ½l. P Walwyn at Lambourn. Tote: £9.60; £1.70, £2.60, £1.60. DF: £80.50. CSF: £147.83. 1min 46.48sec.

Jackpot: not won. (Pool of £45,172.15 carried forward to Epsom today).
Placepot: £956.20.



Carlisle: 6-1 Epsom win with Bighayir

Waverley Star. 12 ran. Nk, nk, 2½l, ¾l, ½l. E Wheeler at Lambourn. Tote: £7.60; £2.00, £2.70, £3.30. DF: £25.00. Trio: £200.20. CSF: £78.00. Tricast: £885.70. 1min 10.17sec.

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Placepot: £956.20.

Catterick Bridge

Going: good to firm

2.15 (5f) 1, Arctic Appeal (J Carroll, 5-2); 2, Ace Girl (33-1); 3, Mighty Lady (5-1). Cap Camaral 5-8 fav. 8 ran. 1½l, ¾l. J Berry. Tote: £3.40; £1.10, £9.30, £2.00. DF: £276.80. CSF: £59.07.

2.45 (9f) 1, Puck's Boss (G Duffield, 8-1); 2, Athenian King (5-4 jt-fav); 3, Kestrel Forbosses (5-4 jt-fav). 8 ran. Sh hd, hd. M Prescott. Tote: £6.10; £1.40, £1.20, £1.00. DF: £11.80. CSF: £18.97.

3.20 (7f) 1, Good Profile (K Darley, 9-2); 2, Floralia (5-4 jt-fav); 3, Allinson's Mate (5-4 jt-fav). 4 ran. Hd, nk. S Norton. Tote: £5.80. DF: £3.40. CSF: £10.01.

3.55 (5f) 1, Prince Bellori (G Hind, 4-1 fav); 2, Misdemeanours Girl (6-1); 3, Fair Enchantress (12-1). 13 ran. 3l, 1½l. M Naughton. Tote: £4.30; £2.00, £2.70, £3.10. DF: £8.10. CSF: £28.43. Tricast: £253.28.

4.25 (1m 4f 40yd) 1, Goin And Growin (J Fortune, 2-9 fav); 2, Iqan (7-2); 3, Flying Connection (20-1). 5 ran. NR: Emes. 2½l, 15l. L Cumani. Tote: £1.40; £1.10, £1.40. DF: £1.10. CSF: £1.47.

4.55 (1m 5f 180yd) 1, Our Alsiling (Q Pears, 5-1); 2, Dr Bill (9-4 fav), 3 Smiles Ahead (8-1). 10 ran. 7l, 1½l. S Norton. Tote: £6.50; £2.00, £2.10, £1.40. DF: £8.40. CSF: £16.68. Tricast: £93.61.

Placepot: £43.50

Southwell

Going: standard

2.30 (5f) 1, Greetland Rock (G Carter, 7-1); 2, Blazing Belle (11-1); 3, Lake Metasaki (12-2). The Shanahan Bay 5-2 fav. 9 ran. 1½, hd. J Berry. Tote: £8.20; £1.80, £1.10, £1.70. DF: £16.20. CSF: £70.08. Tricast: £473.87. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

3.00 (6f) 1, Rowan Grey (S Webster, 11-1); 2, Daily Sport August (7-1); 3, Meltonby (14-1). Ambitious Venture 2-1 fav. 16 ran. Sh hd, ¾l, nk, ½l. A Smith. Tote: £11.10; £2.50, £2.30, £3.40. DF: £24.00. CSF: £83.84.

3.30 (1m 4f) 1, Whitechapel (Dale Gibson, Evens fav); 2, Malenoir (5-1); 3, Foxtrot Pie (8-1). 12 ran. NR: Arabian Bold. ½l, 8l. Lord Huntingdon. Tote: £2.10; £1.10, £1.70, £1.60. DF: £3.80. CSF: £7.29.

4.00 (7f) 1, Lock Keeper (A Proud, 14-1); 2, Cendosco (12-1); 3, Cox Creek (5-1). Dannab 100-30 fav. 12 ran. 4l, ¾l. J Mackie. Tote: £14.20; £3.70, £2.90, £2.60. DF: £147.80. CSF: £144.46. Tricast: £1,004.65.

4.30 (7f) 1, Peteng (A Bates, 4-1); 2, Russian Liaison (12-1); 3, Sure Sign (7-4 fav). 10 ran. 3l, 4l. P Kelleway. Tote: £3.80; £1.40, £3.20, £1.70. DF: £43.40. CSF: £43.53.

5.00 (1m) 1, Beadle Song (D Holland, 2

Place trust in Shadayid's stamina

MANDARIN

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

TWELVE fillies have won the Gold Seal Oaks in addition to the 1,000 Guineas in the post-war period.

In going for **Shadayid** to become the thirteenth at Epsom today by emulating last year's winner, Salsabil, I am banking on her considerable ability, unrivalled over a mile, and taking a chance with her stamina.

Shadayid has certainly not been stopping at the end of her races over a mile, both this season and last.

Two aspects of her pedigree fan the flames of hope that today's longer trip should be just within her reach. First, she is a granddaughter of the triple crown winner Nijinsky; second, she is out of a half-sister to Alydaress who won the Irish Oaks two years ago.

Shadeed, who is the sire of Shadayid, was a high-class miler whose only attempt at a longer trip ended in failure when he finished last but one in Slip Anchor's Derby.

But Desirable, Shadayid's dam, got ten furlongs well enough as a three-year-old to suggest that her daughter can last out the Oaks trip.

John Dunlop and Willie Carson, the masterminds behind this unbeaten grey filly's success so far, remain hopeful rather than confident.

Shadayid could not have stayed on any stronger when beating Kooyonja by two lengths in the 1,000. Since then the runner-up has paid her the most glowing of tributes by winning the Irish 1,000 Guineas by three lengths, while Once In My Life, who finished fourth at Newmarket, has also won since at Chantilly.

Dartrey, who finished sixth in the Newmarket classic seven lengths behind Shadayid, has also upheld the form by finishing a close second in the Musidora Stakes at York.

However, on that run she has much the same sort of chance today as Shamshir who finished third. On a point of breeding, Dartrey would appear to have the better chance of the pair two of coping well with today's longer distance.

There was only a neck between Jaffa Line and Ausherra at Goodwood last August.

This year the former has run well against the subsequent Italian Derby winner Hailsham in a classic trial at Sandown before flopping at York, while the latter, who represents the Derby winning combination of Fahed Salman, Paul Cole and Alan Munro, has won the Lingfield Oaks Trial. So she will get the trip as well as handle the track.

Peplum, Fragrant Hill, Magnificent Star and Jet Ski Lady, trial winners this spring, do not hold such a strong chance on form.

Twelve months ago, the redoubtable combination of Jack Berry and Pat Eddery landed the Berry Magicoal Acorn Stakes with that fast filly It's All Academic. Well as their runner Memsahb should go this time after winning at Lingfield and Newmarket, I still prefer Affair Of State, who should be in her element over today's very sharp course and distance having shown such a blistering turn of foot at Newbury last time when making all the running.

Bellefan, who did this column a good turn when winning last time out, is napped again to capture the Croydex Handicap for which her weight will be reduced to 7st 12lb by the allowance claimed by her good apprentice rider Darren Biggs.

Bellefan has been ridden by an apprentice the twice that she has run this season. When scoring at Brighton ten days ago, she proved that today's distance will be perfect besides showing that she can cope with bends and gradients.

At Haydock, a victory for Take Two in the Doulton Allied Insulators Handicap at the start of the programme will point to the fine chance that **Takaddum** has of winning the Econoloft John Of Gaunt Stakes because these two were first and second at the last meeting which Takaddum won in style when fitted with a visor for the first time.

Finally, **Westholme**, who looked so desperately unlucky at Chester last time, can be compensated by winning the Fairey Group Spring Trophy.

EPSOM

MANDARIN	THUNDERER	MICHAEL SEELY
2.15 Burslems Joy.	2.15 Burslems Joy.	3.15 Abdicate.
2.45 Affair Of State.	2.45 Memsahb.	4.05 SHADAYID (nap).
3.15 Elfaslah.	3.15 Triviality.	4.40 Perky Dancer.
4.05 Shadayid.	4.05 Dartrey.	
4.40 BELLEFAN (nap).	4.40 MORN OF SONG (nap).	
5.10 Terrhars.	5.10 Terrhars.	
5.40 Green Lane	5.40 Quick Ransom.	

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.05 ABDICATE (nap). 4.40 Bellefan.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: 5F-7F, high NUMBERS BEST; 1M 110YD, LOW NUMBERS SIS

2.15 EVER READY CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,626: 7f) (9 runners)

101	(6)	125305	ABLE JET 15 (B,D,F,S) (S Roots) Mrs N Macauley 8-11	J Marshall (7)	96
102	(3)	544-000	FLYING DOWN TO RIO 33 (J Eddis) R Hannon 8-11	W Carson	90
103	(2)	42	BURSLEMS JOY 16 (BF) (E Adams) C Williams 8-6	Pat Eddery	94
104	(7)	2205-	ROSIETOES 245 (F Reader) P Makin 8-6	L Dettori	79
105	(5)	062-	GREY ILLUSIONS 229 (J Redfern) L Holt 8-4	N Adams	73
106	(9)	2212-3	GREEN'S CASSATT 74 (F) (R Green (Fine Paintings)) P Cole 8-3	A Munro	86
107	(1)	561-600	REED BED 7 (B,G) (C Hamer) R Hannon 8-2	B Rouse	99
108	(8)	026650	GABBY HAYES 40 (B) (D Ollis) P Mitchell 8-1	S O'Gorman (3)	78
109	(4)	0-10443	SUNLEY SPARKLE 14 (Sunley Holdings Plc) M Channon 7-13	J Quinn	83

BETTING: 9-4 Burslems Joy, 7-2 Green's Cassatt, 5-1 Able Jet, 8-1 Reed Bed, 10-1 Flying Down To Rio, 12-1 Sunley Sparkle, 14-1 Grey Illusions, 16-1 Rosietoes, 25-1 Gabby Hayes.

1990: LITTLE KRAKER 8-2 B Marcus (7-1) R Hannon 11 ran

2.45 BERRY MAGICOAL ACORN STAKES (2-Y-O fillies: £8,013: 5f) (6 runners) C4

201	(1)	31	AFFAIR OF STATE 22 (D,S) (Mrs S Crown) M Channon 9-0	A Munro	98
202	(2)	311	MEMSAHB 22 (D,G) (Sussex Stud Ltd) J Berry 9-0	Pat Eddery	95
203	(3)	651	MISS SHAM 10 (D,F) (T Mellor) M Moubarak 9-0	A Cruz	91
204	(5)	0	MINT ADDITION 12 (Mrs C Powell) R Hannon 8-10	W Carson	—
205	(6)		LADY SABO (Cronk Thoroughbred Racing Ltd) G Lewis 8-7	B Rouse	—
206	(4)		TRICKY VERA (L O'Shea) T Naughton 8-7	R Cochrane	—

BETTING: 7-4 Affair Of State, 2-1 Memsahb, 9-2 Miss Sham, 7-1 Mint Addition, 10-1 Lady Sabo, 20-1 Tricky Vera.

1990: IT'S ALL ACADEMIC 9-0 Pat Eddery (10-11 fav) J Berry 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

AFFAIR OF STATE made all to beat Gone Bust 3l in maiden auction race at Newbury (5f, good to soft). MEMSAHB beat Wave Hill 3l in maiden at Lingfield (5f, good); latest beat Sera Anna 1l at Newmarket (5f). MISS SHAM beat Zoon Star 1½l in Ripon (5f, good to firm) maiden. MINT ADDITION 14l 6th of 11 to Atmospheric Blues in maiden at Sandown (5f, good). LADY SABO (footed Jan 25, cost 7,000grns) half-sister by Prince Sabo to Lley, winner of 2 races over 1m in Italy. TRICKY VERA (Apr 28) half-brother by Pennine Walk to Tbeb, winner over 6f.
Selection: MEMSAHB

3.15 LONDON BRICK EBBISHAM (3-Y-O fillies: £7,067: 7f) (9 runners) C4

301	(5)	3115-34	TRIVIALITY 28 (BF,G,S) (Lord Derby) J Gosden 9-7	R Cochrane	86
302	(9)	416-04	VENUS OBSERVED 22 (D,F) (Mrs C Gross) H Candy 8-10	C Rutter	83
303	(6)	0-51	ABDICATE 17 (D,F) (Kennet Valley Thoroughbreds Ltd) L Cumani 8-7	L Dettori	90
304	(3)	00-2211	ARMAITI 12 (D,F,G) (L McMullen) M Johnston 8-1	R P Elliott	94
305	(2)	33-3105	COME ON MY GIRL 13 (B,F) (K Sturgis) R Boss 7-11	A Mackay	89
306	(4)	630-20	ELFASLAH 24 (BF) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 7-10	W Carson	99
307	(1)	423-342	CAROLES EXPRESS 17 (Mrs S Crane) R Akehurst 7-10	T Williams	87
308	(7)	0100-00	NEROLI 10 (D,F) (Dr G Meredith) R Hannon 7-7	Wendy Jones (7)	92
309	(8)	035-0	SCRAVELS SARAN 14 (D Johnson) J Stargill 7-7	J Quinn	78

Long handicap: Neroli 7-3, Scravels Saran 7-2.

BETTING: 3-1 Abdicate, 9-2 Venus Observed, 11-2 Triviality, 6-1 Armaiti, 13-2 Caroles Express, 10-1 others.

1990: SCARLETT HOLLY 8-8 Pat Eddery (8-1) P Makin 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

TRIVIALITY 11l 4th to Doublova at Newmarket (6f, good). VENUS OBSERVED never dangerous 8½l 4th to Balwa at Newmarket (7f, good). ABDICATE beat Sharp Circle 3l in maiden at Goodwood (7f). ARMAITI beat Worldbeta ¾l at Doncaster (7f, good to firm). COME ON MY GIRL 12½l 5th to Arylh at Leicester (6f, good); previously beat Sweet Soul Dream 2½l in maiden at Brighton (6f, firm). ELFASLAH 2l 2nd to Possessive Dancer at Kempton (1m, good to firm). CAROLE'S EXPRESS 1l 2nd to Zigaura in Goodwood (7f, good to firm) maiden.
Selection: ARMAITI

4.05 GOLD SEAL OAKS (Group I: £147,500: 3-Y-O fillies: 1m 4f) (9 runners) C4

RUNNERS AND RIDERS SEE RIGHT

4.40 CROYDEX HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £14,200: 1m 110yd) (15 runners) C4

501	(4)	1346-03	DOMINION GOLD 23 (G,S) (P Savill) M H Easterby 9-7	Pat Eddery	95
502	(2)	131-20	FRAAR 25 (D,BF,F,S) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 9-4	W Carson	98
503	(13)	108-341	DON'T PRESUME 12 (D,F,G) (Flint Cottage Stables) M Tompkins 9-1	R Cochrane	93
504	(11)	21	PERKY DANCER 22 (D,G) (R Duchossois) L Cumani 8-13	L Dettori	84
505	(14)	21412-0	TEANARCO 53 (F,S) (S Symonds) R Holder 8-7	N Adams	95
506	(5)	31	MORN OF SONG 31 (G) (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 8-5	A Cruz	87
507	(15)	40-5441	NORTHERN CONQUEROR 16 (F) (G Anthony) T Naughton 8-4	F Norton (5)	93
508	(3)	40-1421	BELLEFAN 10 (D,F,G) (Hambleton 1989 Plc) M Bell 8-3	D Biggs (5)	96
509	(7)	20-2322	PAPER DART 21 (BF) (Mrs J Wellinger) P Walwyn 8-1	A Munro	93
510	(1)	001-300	LOKI 11 (F) (T Laidlaw) G Lewis 7-10	Dale Gibson	99
511	(10)	023-034	LARA'S BABY 14 (Lanabuild Contractors) R Akehurst 7-9	T Williams	94
512	(9)	42-4241	PRIVATE ACCESS 18 (B,D,F) (G Strawbridge) J Balding 7-9	S O'Gorman	93
513	(12)	410-46	HAJAM 14 (F) (S Manana) C Brittain 7-7	NON-RUNNER	—
514	(8)	10-0405	DURNELLOR 18 (G) (Mrs A Valentine) R Hannon 7-7	G Bardwell	88
515	(6)	64-22	NORTHERN RISING 33 (BF) (Miss B Duxbury) A Lee 7-7	J Quinn	90

BETTING: 9-2 Morn Of Song, 11-2 Perky Dancer, 7-1 Paper Dart, Bellefan, 15-2 Dominion Gold, 8-1 Don't Presume, 12-1 Fraar, 14-1 Private Access, Northern Conqueror, 16-1 others.

1990: FARM STREET 8-8 C Asmussen (14-1) P Walwyn 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

DOMINION GOLD under a length 3rd to Rocton North at York (7f, good to firm). FRAAR running-on ½l 2nd to Rapid Cassata at Sandown (1m, good) with LOKI (6lb better off) 1½l 3rd. DON'T PRESUME beat Bridal Train 2½l at Leicester (1m, good). PERKY DANCER beat Straw Beret 3½l in Newmarket (1m, good) maiden. MORN OF SONG beat White Witch a nk in maiden at Chester (7f 122yd, good). NORTHERN CONQUEROR beat Bid For Elegance a nk in claimer at Goodwood (1m 2f, good to firm). BELLEFAN beat Blue Room 1½l at Brighton (1m, firm). PAPER DART just caught when nk 2nd to Sir Bancroft at Newbury (1m, good to soft). PRIVATE ACCESS made all to beat Barsel 1l in maiden at Beverley (1m 100yd, firm).
Selection: PERKY DANCER

5.10 ABBOTS HILL HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £4,508: 6f) (6 runners)

601	(1)	5312-00	MARAATIB 28 (F) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 9-7	W Carson	99
602	(3)	010-002	GARTH 14 (F) (B Whitehouse) P Makin 9-3	M Roberts	92
603	(5)	5210-2	CORN FUTURES 33 (D,S) (J Rowles) R Johnson Houghton 9-2	A Munro	92
604	(2)	262034	TERRHARS 14 (F) (H Bambrook) R Hannon 8-13	Pat Eddery	94
605	(4)	01-3001	ACCESS FLYER 10 (F) (Miss D Williams) R Boss 8-9	R Cochrane	94
606	(6)	01-0441	SARCITA 7 (D,F,S) (R Tooth) D Elsworth 8-7	L Dettori	92

BETTING: 11-4 Terrhars, 3-1 Sarcita, 4-1 Garth, 11-2 Access Flyer, 6-1 Corn Futures, 8-1 Maraatib.

1990: PROHIBITION 9-7 C Asmussen (7-1) J Berry 9 ran

5.40 EPSOM HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £5,832: 1m 4f) (10 runners)

1	(6)	0-016	FISHIN' TACKLE 11 (F) (Sir A Page-Wood) A Scott 9-7	L Dettori	89
2	(10)	44-5	MAHFIL 40 (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) A Stewart 9-4	M Roberts	83
3	(6)	020-0	RYEWATER DREAM 11 (Mrs R Ferrell) D Elsworth 9-4	S Cauthen	82
4	(4)	313832	QUICK RANSOM 16 (S) (J Morrison) M Johnston 9-0	R P Elliott	94
5	(9)	420-051	SEAL INDIGO 17 (D,F) (G Howard-Spink) R Hannon 9-0	Pat Eddery	84
6	(5)	08-0034	GREEN LANE 12 (F) (P Mellon) I Balding 8-13	R Cochrane	98
7	(7)	0-84024	BOLD RESOLUTION 9 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 7-13	J Quinn	99
8	(1)	033-522	SHINING WOOD 21 (A Reid) J Scargill 7-13	A Munro	96
9	(2)	0-000	EAGLE BID 21 (R Sayer) S Dow 7-13	S O'Gorman (3)	—
10	(3)	00-0301	CHARLIE'S DARLING 16 (D,F,G) (Mrs L May) J Czerpak 7-7	R Price (5)	94

Long handicap: Charlie's Darling, 7-5.

BETTING: 7-2 Quick Ransom, 5-1 Charlie's Darling, 11-2 Mahfil, 13-2 Shining Wood, 7-1 Green Lane, 10-1 Fishin' Tackle, Seal Indigo, Bold Resolution, 14-1 Ryewater Dream, 25-1 Eagle Bid.

1990: TIDEMARK 9-6 L Dettori (4-1) L Cumani 8 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
H Cecil	11	39	28.2	S Cauthen	30	167	18.0
J Berry	8	31	25.8	Pat Eddery	35	203	17.2
A Stewart	5	22	22.7	A Munro	3	19	15.8
L Cumani	8	35	22.2	W Carson	24	164	14.6
H Candy	5	28	17.9	L Dettori	3	21	14.3
M Stoute	14	79	17.7	R Cochrane	14	101	13.9

(Not including yesterday's results)

HAYDOCK

MANDARIN	THUNDERER
2.00 Take Two.	2.00 You Are A Star.
2.30 One For The Pot.	2.30 One For The Pot.
3.00 Takaddum.	3.00 Swordsmith.
3.30 Westholme.	3.30 Westholme.
4.00 Bridle Talk.	4.00 Pretorian Guard.
4.30 Srivijaya.	4.30 Masai Mara.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.30 GENTLE ARIA.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.00 DOULTON ALLIED INSULATORS HANDICAP (£3,720: 1m 40yd) (10 runners)

1	(1)	040221	REGENT LAD 14 (D,F,G) (F Tyldesley) Miss L Siddall 7-10-0	W Ryan	98
2	(5)	4015-51	YOU ARE A STAR 7 (D,F,G) (Mrs M Banwell) M Tompkins 5-9-11	R Hills	97
3	(3)	62220-4	MARINE DIVER 35 (D,G) (C Shiacolas) P Cole 5-9-6	G Baxter	98
4	(9)	40-6444	SHARPALTO 22 (G) (Millgrew Bloodstock) E Wheeler 4-9-4	M Wigham	94
5	(5)	304310-	HUCKLEBERRY WIN 99J (D,S) (R Cottam) M Hammond 4-9-4	J Carroll	99
6	(10)	0040-0	CAPTAIN MY CAPTAIN 21 (M Jackson Bloodstock Ltd) G Balding 3-9-3	J Williams	88
7	(7)	35401-2	TAKE TWO 14 (D,F) (Lord Leverhulme) R Johnson Houghton 3-9-2	J Reid	91
8	(2)	361102-	DIACO 228 (D,F,G) (J Good) M Jarvis 5-8-11	Paul Eddery	93
9	(4)	0515-65	URRAY ON HARRY 14 (CD,F,G,S) (D Coppenhall) R Hollinshead 7-8-8	G Hind (3)	97
10	(6)	364-036	FALCONS DAWN 15 (V,S) (A King) M O'Neill 4-8-6	J Fortune	94

BETTING: 11-4 Take Two, 7-2 You Are A Star, 5-1 Captain My Captain, Regent Lad, 8-1 Marine Diver, 10-1 Disco, 14-1 Urray On Arry, Sharpalto, 16-1 Huckleberry Win, 20-1 Falcons Dawn.

1990: JADEITE 4-8-4 G Duffield (4-1 fav) R Boss 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

REGENT LAD beat Matador a sh hd at Doncaster (1m, good to firm) with URRAY ON HARRY (6lb better off) staying-on 7½l 5th; earlier hd 2nd to Ducklington at Beverley (7f 110yd, firm) with FALCONS DAWN (6lb better off) sh hd 3rd. YOU ARE A STAR beat Matador ¾l at Edinburgh (1m, good to firm). MARINE DIVER 7¾l 4th to Run Don't Fly at Newmarket (1m 2f, good). SHARPALTO 3½l 4th to Fizz Time at Newmarket (7f, good). HUCKLEBERRY WIN beat Marga Girl ½l at Ayr (1m, heavy) on penultimate start. TAKE TWO 1½l 2nd to Takaddum at Haydock (1m 40yd, good to firm). DIACO hd 2nd to Deputy Tim at Nottingham (1m 50yd, good to soft).
Selection: TAKE TWO

2.30 JACKSON AND LOWE HANDICAP (£4,308: 1m 6f) (7 runners) BBC1

1	(2)	2035-01	GOLAN HEIGHTS 51 (C,F,G) (Lord Howard de Walden) Mrs J Cecil 4-10-0	N Day	95
2	(5)	0231-45	MATADOR 50 (BF,F,G) (K Abdulla) R Charlton 4-9-9	R Hills	93
3	(4)	112310-	HIGHFLYING 210 (D,F,G) (B Batey) A Harrison 5-9-2	K Fallon	96
4	(1)	1434-22	AAHSAYLAD 12 (D,F,G,S) (M Stapleton) F Lee 5-8-6	Paul Eddery	99
5	(6)	1214-16	ONE FOR THE POT 31 (C,BF,F,G,S) (K Wheldon) Mrs J Ramsden 6-8-5	M Hills	94
6	(3)	42-25	SAFFAAH 25 (H Al-Maktoum) R Armstrong 4-8-4	B Crossley	94
7	(7)	60-0405	NIKITAS 8 (CD,BF,F,G) (A Solronlou) Miss A Whitfield 6-7-7	N Carlisle	98

Long handicap: Nikitas 7-4.

BETTING: 7-4 One For The Pot, 3-1 Golan Heights, 4-1 Matador, 5-1 Aahsaylad, 6-1 Highflying, 14-1 others.

1990: PRINCE SOBUR 4-7-10 R Fox (12-1) M Blanshard 18 ran

FORM FOCUS

GOLAN HEIGHTS beat Local Derby 1½l at Newmarket (1m 4f, good to firm) MATADOR, a winner at Newbury (1m 5f 60yd, good) last season, 5¾l 5th to Shambo at Newbury (2m, good). HIGHFLYING beat Farmin 8l at Doncaster (1m 6f 127yd, good) AAHSAYLAD 5¾l 3rd (placed 2nd) to Access Ski at Doncaster (2m 2f, good to firm). ONE FOR THE POT 4½l 6th to Star Player at Chester (2m 2f 97yd, good). SAFFAAH 8l 5th to Further Flight at York (1m 4f, good to firm). NIKITAS 7½l 5th to Dodger Dickens at Nottingham (1m 6f, good to firm).
Selection: GOLAN HEIGHTS

3.00 ECONOLOFT JOHN OF GAUNT STAKES (Listed race: £15,010: 7f 40yd) (9 runners) BBC1

1	(1)	225-120	NORTON CHALLENGER 23 (G,S) (J Linley) M H Easterby 4-9-4	M Birch	94
2	(7)	2640-00	OSARIO 53 (BF,G) (J Davis) R Hannon 4-9-4	J Reid	92
3	(3)	230-106	PALACE STREET 42 (CD,G,S) (Miss B Swire) G Balding 4-8-13	J Williams	94
4	(5)	0022-32	SWORDSMITH 27 (D,F,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) B Hills 4-8-12	M Hills	99
5	(8)	11201-4	HEARD A WHISPER 49 (F,G,S) (D Barker) G Lewis 3-8-6	Paul Eddery	94
6	(6)	445-105	REGAL CREST 14 (G,S) (R Lesh) J Berry 3-8-5	J Carroll	93
7	(4)	5820-03	APPLEDORN 29 (B,D,F,G) (Mrs B Facchino) B McMahon 4-8-7	G Carter	89
8	(9)	1-52141	TAKADDUM 14 (V,C,D,F,G,S) (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 3-8-2	G Baxter	94
9	(2)	0143-30	THE OLD FIRM 7 (G) (T Foreman) N Callaghan 3-8-2	J Fortune	93

BETTING: 11-4 Take Two, 7-2 You Are A Star, 5-1 Captain My Captain, Regent Lad, 8-1 Marine Diver, 10-1 Disco, 14-1 Urray On Arry, Sharpalto, 16-1 Huckleberry Win, 20-1 Falcons Dawn.

1990: PALACE STREET 3-8-3 J Williams (7-1) G Balding 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

NORTON CHALLENGER 11l 7th to Green Line Express in group III at York (6f, good to firm), earlier 2l 2nd to Farm at Leicester (7f, good) with SWORDSMITH (5lb better off) ½l 3rd. PALACE STREET 10l 6th and APPLEDORN 13¾l 9th, latest beat Morrendine 2½l at Thirsk (6f, good) with HEARD A WHISPER (12lb better off) 1¾l 4th.
OSARIO disqualified after beating Haky 1¼l at Kempton (6f, good) on penultimate start. PALACE STREET 7l 7th to Case Law at Newmarket (6f, good to firm) with OSARIO 3l 9th. SWORDSMITH 2l 2nd to Dominelius in listed race at San Siro (1m, heavy). REGAL CREST 11¾l 5th to Lee Ardate at Haydock (6f, good to firm). APPLEDORN 3¾l 3rd to Regal Sabre at Lingfield (7f, good). TAKADDUM beat Take Two 1½l at Haydock (1m 40yd, good to firm). THE OLD FIRM 11 3rd to Sizzling Saga at Folkestone (6f, firm).
Selection: SWORDSMITH

3.30 FAIREY GROUP SPRING TROPHY HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £11,940: 1m 2f 130yd) (10 runners) BBC1

1	(2)	0112-12	WESTHOLME 31 (D,F) (T Bennett) M H Easterby 9-7	M Birch	92
2	(1)	11-60	GENTLE ARIA 37 (C,F,S) (H Collis) Miss A Whitfield 9-5	J Reid	99
3	(3)	21-04	EXCLUSIVE VIRTUE 25 (F) (Chawkley Park Stud) M Stoute 9-3	W Ryan	93
4	(6)	64-2024	PAY HOMAGE 18 (F) (Miss A Hill) I Balding 9-3	G Baxter	95
5	(10)	414	KIVETON KABOOZ 22 (D,BF,S) (Kiveton Park (Holdings) Ltd) L Cumani 9-1	J Fortune	93
6	(5)	2-1	MEMORIVE 28 (F) (R Smith) G Harwood 9-1	A Clark	88
7	(4)	02-30	JURZ 14 (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 9-0	R Hills	93
8	(7)	41	PRIME PROSPECT 30 (D,F) (Mrs P Yong) M Jarvis 8-11	Paul Eddery	96
9	(9)	10	LAMBADA STYLE 45 (BF,G) (A Budge (Equine) Limited) R Hannon 8-8	S Raymont	88
10	(8)	20-4550	CORCINA 18 (G) (Y Bird) M Bell 8-7	J Carroll	94

BETTING: 7-2 Memorive, 5-1 Westholme, 11-2 Prime Prospect, 5-1 Gentle Aria, 8-1 Kiveton Kabooz, 9-1 Exclusive Virtue, Jurz, 10-1 Lambada Style, 14-1 Pay Homage, 16-1 Corcina.

1990: IRISH EMERALD 7-8 T Williams (6-1) M Tompkins 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

WESTHOLME sh hd 2nd to Hieroglyphic at Chester (1m 4f 65yd, good). GENTLE ARIA 2½l 12th to Shadayid in 1,000 Guineas at Newmarket (1m, good). PAY HOMAGE 2¼l 4th to Lamarsh at Goodwood (1m, good to firm); earlier ¾l 2nd to Gymcrak Premiere at York (1m 1f, good to firm) with EXCLUSIVE VIRTUE (2lb better off) 2¼ 4th. KIVETOON KABOOZ just over 8l 4th to Hiltzah at Newbury (1m 4f, good). MEMORIVE beat Tea Dust 1½l at Bath (1m 8yd, good to firm). JURZ 7½l 7th to Takaddum at Haydock (1m 40yd, good to firm). PRIME PROSPECT beat South Australia 3½l at Brighton (1m 2f, good to firm). LAMBADA STYLE 16l 9th to Possessive Dancer at Kempton (1m). Selection: WESTHOLME

4.00 SIR RICHARD FAIREY MEMORIAL MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,027: 5f) (14 runners)

1	(11)	0	MANULEADER 10 (Manulife Group Services Limited) W Pearce 8-11	J Reid	—
2	(2)	62	PRETORIAN GUARD 22 (D Jefferson) D Moffatt 8-8	J Williams	86
3	(13)	0	STONYGARTH 12 (Mrs J Turpin) J Edwards 8-8	W Ryan	—
4	(14)	4	GLOW OF THE GLEN 58 (P Savill) M H Easterby 8-6	M Birch	—
5	(5)	4	MARIECURIE EXPRESS 15 (Express Marie Curie Racing Club) J Berry 8-6	J Carroll	84
6	(10)	030	MARK OF SILVER 11 (Mrs G Maloney) R Hollinshead 8-5	G Hind (3)	85
7	(9)	6	DOT'S JESTER 73 (Mrs D Jones) E Alston 8-2	K Fallon	—
8	(7)	0	LOMBARD OCEAN 28 (L Warehousing Limited) M O'Neill 8-2	J Fortune	72
9	(1)	3	BRIDLE TALK 33 (R Curtis) M McCormack 8-0	R Hills	87
10	(4)	0	LADY LINNET 46 (N Kersey) P Cole 8-0	S Dawson	—
11	(6)	6	HATAAL 12 (Jackson Construction Co Ltd) J Balding 7-11	L Charnock	—
12	(3)	42	LOCH NIAL 37 (J McCarthy) J Spearing 7-11	R Fox	99
13	(12)	4	PETITE-D-ARGENT 9 (D Cooper) J S Wilson 7-11	N Carlisle	78
14	(8)		RUSTIC WEDDING (B R B Owners Group (1990) Plc) G Balding 7-11	E Johnson	—

BETTING: 3-1 Bridle Talk, 9-2 Loch Nial, 5-1 Mariecurie Express, 7-1 Pretorian Guard, Petite-D-Argent, 10-1 Lombard Ocean, 12-1 Glow Of The Glen, 14-1 Manuleader, Lady Linnet, 20-1 others.

1990: MUSHY SOFF 2-8-4 M Hills 7-1 (J Berry) 16 ran

4.30 JUDDMONTE CLAIMING STAKES (Qualifier: £3,470: 1m 2f 130yd) (20 runners)

1	(20)	111-215	CALACHUCHI 30 (F,G,S) (Mrs S Camacho) M Camacho 4-8-13	N Connorton	86
2	(18)	20	FLASH BULB 15 (T Hetherton) J Hetherton 4-8-13	G Baxter	87
3	(12)		FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE 42J (B) (K Bell) C Broad 6-8-13	Lorna Vincent	—
4	(16)	00/0-0	NORTHERN LION 8J (F) (R Halling) R Thompson 6-8-13	J Carroll	—
5	(11)	3	SRIVIJAYA 8 (G) (Full Circle Thoroughbreds G Plc) N Tinkler 4-8-13	Kim Tinkler	82
6	(10)	1000-50	XAI-TANG 21 (C,S) (Andea Limited) K White 4-8-13	A Garth (7)	99
7	(15)	13-2200	SHIKARI KID 15 (S) (G Corbett) S Norton 4-8-12	J Williams	88
8	(9)	4510-00	BURFORD 12 (F) (G Willey) D R Tucker 4-8-11	R Perham (5)	85
9	(2)	100-005	DANCING MONARCH 15 (F) (S Reakes) R Hollinshead 6-8-11	G Hind (3)	99
10	(17)	4000-00	EMPEROR CHANG 18 (B,G) (Mrs B Facchino) B McMahon 4-8-11	W Ryan	—
11	(14)	32311-4	LICHT HAND 68J (CD,F,G,S) (J Purze) M Tompkins 5-8-11	R Hills	87
12	(1)	0-0521	MASAI MARA 8 (D,F) (P Brant) L Cumani 3-8-10	J Fortune	90
13	(4)	600-500	MERCERS MAGIC 42 (J Gibbs) D Haydn Jones 3-8-6	J Reid	84
14	(8)	40-0605	ROSE GLEN 14 (G) (D Furlong) A Bailey 5-8-6	G Carter	91
15	(6)	020-000	TURF DANCER 36 (Mrs A Wilson) J S Wilson 4-8-6	M Birch	73
16	(5)	00-	REGAL VALUE 338 (J Buzzeo) A Hanson 3-8-5	L Charnock	—
17	(7)	00-00	THE NOBLE OAK 31 (M McCormack) M McCormack 3-8-0	—	82
18	(19)	60030	STROUBIA 14 (B) (W Said) N Callaghan 3-7-12	B Crossley	89
19	(3)	24	VADO VIA 21 (K Wheldon) Mrs J Ramsden 3-7-12	R Fox	80
20	(13)		CARNFIELD (K Nicholls) J Glover 3-7-11	N Carlisle	—

BETTING: 9-4 Masai Mara, 7-2 Dancing Monarch, 5-1 Light Hand, Vado Via, 8-1 Rose Glen, Calachuchi, 10-1 Srivijaya, 14-1 others.

1990: MARGUB 5-9-4 J Williams (8-1) J Baker 19 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
R Charlton	3	8	37.5	M Hills	19	99	19.2
H Thomson Jones	16	73	21.9	W Ryan	28	151	18.5
B Hills	28	129	21.7	J Reid	19	113	16.8
L Cumani	17	79	21.5	G Carter	14	89	15.7
G Harwood	15	70	21.4	R Hills	17	131	13.0
M Stoute	18	96	18.8	G Baxter	8	71	11.3

(Not including last night's results)

BIG RACE LINE-UP

4.05 GOLD SEAL OAKS C4
(Group I: 3-Y-O fillies: £147,500: 1m 4f) (9 runners)

403	(8)	120-41	AUSHERRA 28 (F,G) (F Salman) P Cole 9-0 *(ch Diesis - Princess Of Man) (Dark green)*	A Munro	87
405	(4)	1-62	DARTREY 25 (BF,F) (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 9-0 *(b Darshaan

Tavaré's bankrupt attack punished by gleeful leaders

By IVO TENNANT

EDGBASTON (first day of three; Somerset won toss): Warwickshire have scored 359 for five wickets against Somerset

THERE was some distinctly ordinary bowling at Edgbaston yesterday, and the county championship leaders relished it. Dermot Reeve, Simon Green, Andy Lloyd and Dominic Ostler all contributed to Warwickshire's sizeable total on a day when the ball should have dominated the bat.

Other, of course, than Donald, no one has benefited more than Ostler over Warwickshire's decision to release Moody. There is no knowing just how few championship matches he would have had otherwise. Certainly he would not have been batting at No. 4, from where he has made his maiden century, and now 59, on successive days.

Ostler also benefited greatly from Somerset having no bowler of the calibre of say, Ellison, who would have been as useful in these conditions as he was against Warwickshire earlier this week. Once, Tavaré used him at his behest. Now he does not have the bowling to utilise such advantages. For there was movement throughout a dank day. Mallender, MacLeay and Lefebvre were unable to make anything of it, taking just one wicket between them. The previous day Somerset had deployed nine bowlers in ineffectual attempt at beating Glamorgan.

This was an obvious drawback for any captain, especially one of normally rather rigid outlook like Tavaré. Warwickshire's openers, Moles and Ratcliffe, went relatively cheaply, but through their own failings. One was caught at the wicket off MacLeay, expecting movement, and the other square cut a long hop from Hayhurst to point.

If the morning session was pedestrian, the afternoon was enriched by Ostler. Two straightish drives off MacLeay were the shots of the day. When he was caught at the wicket aiming to cut Graveney, it was a rare error of length. His innings included nine fours.

Lloyd's half-century was more trenchant, taking over three hours, but it freed the lower middle order to swing the bat after tea. Green, reputedly, rarely needs any prompting to do so. He was fortunate that in his first championship match for two years he should come up against an attack that was looking distinctly defeatist.

Tavaré was off the field by now, suffering from a heavy cold. In his place, Cook rotated his bowlers and Green and Reeve smote them in turn. Twice the former was dropped on the boundary and twice he cleared it. In so doing he passed his highest first-class score, 44 against Sri Lanka here last year. If he lacks in application, as has been suggested, this was not apparent yesterday.

The pair put on 100 in 22 overs and 152 in 29 overs in all. The field placings were in the most defensive of one-day modes by this stage. Graveney had four men on the leg-side boundary, a long off and deep cover point. He did at least gain the wicket of Reeve in the last over of the day, caught at deep square. Reeve had made 82 from 123 balls and Green, who was undefeated, 77 from 76 balls. He had hit ten fours as well as his two sixes but the populus of Birmingham was not there to see it. They must have preferred the coming of Ron Atkinson.



Pause for thought: Watkin, in his first Test match for England, rues the ball from Ambrose which took his wicket in the game against West Indies. Report, page 40

Laura Thompson

Cast of hundreds makes magic at the Epsom show

As rich with life as Dr Johnson's London, the Epsom Derby is a Great Exhibition whose theme is The English Character. To attend the meeting is to see strata of English society adhering so closely to their own stereotypes, savouring with such relish their own images, that one suspects self-parody. Wrongly, I think; truer to say that they are finding security in the idea of pre-destined social patterning.

To attend is to observe, but also to feel the ties that bind; all England is here, unified by a tacit comprehension of the significance of the occasion. It is hard to imagine that anyone with a sense of Englishness would not want to go to the Derby.

Sporting occasions sometimes feel like a quest for atmosphere: the spectator formulates excitement, watches Mexican waves through a haze of indifference. Yet I fell head first into the Derby, as helplessly and drunkenly as the Duke of Clarence toppling into a butt of malmsey. The waves of energy were already rippling through the air as I waited for the 10.35 train from Charing Cross to Tattenham Corner, as palpable to me as the vibrating white lines that rattle around Tom after he has succumbed to the trap that he just laid for Jerry.

> *'One cannot take full pleasure from the Derby unless one plays a role in The Great Exhibition'*

Those men, standing on the platform in dogtooth checks and mafia sunglasses, carrying bags full of cans of Fosters and wielding *The Sporting Life* like a lance. Why did the sight of them fill me with a visceral joy? Why was I so keen to proclaim myself, to shake out my own lance, and pretend to study it (with the ardour I would only give to a love letter), while in fact riveted by my fellow passengers, by their manly complicity, their knowing grimaces, their bristling communality, their lagers which spurted in such powerful and unpredictable trajectories? Why did I want the nod from these men?

The answer is because I wanted to savour to the full the young summer tang, the day-off-work astringency of this atmosphere: the luxury of the traditional holiday, tautened by the gamblers' shrewd-eyed sharpness. Because I wanted to observe the immaculate role-playing of the social strata, but wanted to be a part of it also.

One cannot take full pleasure from an occasion like the Derby unless one plays a role in The Great Exhibition. The Exhibition, which had started on the train, continued with the walk from Tattenham Corner to the Grandstand, with scenes out of Ben Jonson's *Bartholomew Fair*: jellied eel stalls and big dippers and people carousing outside their caravans, and car boots open to reveal boxes full of Cokes and Fosters and soft white rolls, and Gipsy Rose Lee, the fortune teller, who has "been (sic) used by Royalty". I should have thought that a better selling point would be the ability of her planchette to name the winner of the 3.45.

As one nears the Grandstand, one is very suddenly aware of Jaguars filled with men in white shirts, with morning coats safely stowed in cool, capacious boots. One goes to pick up one's badge, and fear that one's best clothes are too much turns to fear that they are not enough; men in grey toppers, their faces exhausted with the strain of maintaining expressions of superiority, are pleading as much as they can bear with the obdurate staff. "I've three *way* important French owners with me . . . *Can* you not see your way to . . . ?" The three *way* important French owners did not make it into Members', a small spark of *egalité* which, I am ashamed to say, rather made my day.

Members' is sealed off from the rest of the course by a high white wall, but Epsom is not Ascot, people are there for good racing, and all human life meets in the paddock, where the horses assume rightful supremacy. The Queen is there. The Queen Mother is there. The grey toppers are there. Peter Sissons is there. Kenneth Baker is there. The middle classes, clutching their apologetic hats and pretending not to goggle at Royalty, are there. The dogtooth checks are there. The lycra mini-skirts worn with the Salvador Dali casserole dish hats are there. The Sumo wrestler taking photographs is there.

A microcosm of England: all classes present and correct; kept apart by money, background, badges, high walls, and inclinations; united by sport, tradition, gambling, and love of the horse; watched over by a Japanese tourist, gleefully recording a Great Exhibition, whose significance must surely remain as mysterious as it is powerful.

Bacher's offer to Lloyd

By QAMAR AHMED

CLIVE Lloyd, the former captain and manager of West Indies, is likely to go to South Africa on a coaching and lecture tour later this year.

Ali Bacher, the managing director designate of the South African United Cricket Board, said yesterday: "We have asked Lloyd to help in the development and coaching programme in South Africa and, hopefully, we will be having his services."

Lloyd is expected in South Africa in September. It is planned that he will coach youngsters in the townships and lecture in different cities to promote multi-racial cricket. Confirming that he has been approached, Lloyd said: "They have contacted me and I suppose I shall make a decision during the summer."

South Africa has already applied for re-entry into the International Cricket Council next month in anticipation of the ending of the country's racial segregation laws.

Bacher and Steve Tshwete, representing the African National Congress, have already met the high commissioners of all the Commonwealth countries to seek the support of their cricket boards.

Metson makes up for the bowling

By PETER BALL

CHESTERFIELD (first day of three: Derbyshire won toss): Glamorgan, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 204 runs behind Derbyshire

BY THE standards of the rest of the day, Colin Metson's feat in taking seven catches in the Derbyshire innings, a new Glamorgan record, was run-of-the-mill stuff. The cricket was quite extraordinary, but most extraordinary of all was that groups had come to watch it on such a day.

The cricket was eccentric, too. That all ten Derbyshire wickets fell behind the wicket to seam gave some idea of the pitch on offer, but not all. It was, in fact, an excellent cricket wicket, with pace and bounce and some movement, but true enough for the batsmen to go for their shots.

Having elected to bat, Derbyshire did so with abandon. The first session's play was like a Sunday match. Fifty came up in six overs, seventy in ten. Those figures represented the bowling accurately enough. "We bowled rubbish," Butcher said at lunch, but it hardly mattered as one by one the Derbyshire batsmen perished to put Metson on his way to equalling the Glamorgan record for dismissals, set by Eifion Jones with six catches and one stumping, against Cambridge University in 1970.

Stumpings are rarer these days, and Metson has only one for the season, but in spite of a surprising stance, turning almost 45 degrees towards the off, he has been widely regarded as one of the game's outstanding keepers since his days as Downton's understudy for Middlesex. His decision to move to Wales may not have helped his recognition, but the latest batch of victims takes his haul for the season to 35.

Barnett, who had just been dropped, was his first victim, Metson diving a long way to hold on to an edged drive. Morris went in the same over to a splendid ball from Barwick, who was the pick of the Glamorgan bowlers, recognising the virtues of line and length which eluded some of his colleagues.

Bowler went at the same score, the first of several batsmen to get themselves out with loose shots, even Azharuddin, who played some typically elegant strokes, succumbing to an ugly flash.

Three catches in the slips prevented Metson setting a really remarkable record as Croft made the only catch in front of the wicket of the day, intercepting a bunch of balloons as incongruous in the gloom as the spectators.

Faltering Middlesex left to rue the one that got away

By RICHARD STREETON

UXBRIDGE (first day of three; Middlesex won toss): Middlesex, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 287 runs behind Leicestershire

STURDY resistance by the middle and late order enabled Leicestershire to wriggle off the hook yesterday after Gatting's decision to field first was rewarded with early wickets. Under threatening black clouds, Middlesex badly missed Fraser, whose hip problem recurred the previous day at Bristol, while Ellcock, by early afternoon, had retired with back trouble.

Whitaker, Potter and Ben Smith, all played a part as the Leicestershire recovery began, but none of them could stay long enough to provide the big innings needed. Willey, at No. 7, though, probably not for the last time this summer, brought nuisance value to the crease. He and Millns shared an invaluable stand of 61 in 25 overs for the eighth wicket.

Several good strokes by the left-handed Millns included a straight six off Tufnell and seven fours. He had made a career-best 44 when he lifted a high catch that Roseberry took on the run at deep mid-wicket. Leicestershire just failed to gain maximum batting points but it was a creditable fightback. Willey was left undefeated after two-and-a-half hours at his most obdurate. Middlesex were left ten overs to bat but bad light brought a premature end.

Williams, though guilty of 13 no-balls, finished with four wickets and looked the liveliest of the quick bowlers on a pitch that offered a measure of bounce. It was bitterly cold and there were also two brief hold-ups for rain.

Middlesex took several good catches, including two spectacular ones by Emburey at second slip, with Williams the bowler each time. Hepworth and Whitaker were the victims after they provided the first hint of resistance after both opening batsmen failed.

Potter and Smith played some forceful strokes before Potter was held at slip as he tried to cut Emburey. Square cuts brought Smith, the England under-19 batsman, most of his runs. He reached a maiden half-century, though, with an extraordinary top-edged six against Williams over the slips and was then held at silly point off Tufnell. Smith also hit seven fours.

Whitticase drove a catch to extra cover before Willey and Millns thwarted Middlesex with a judicious mixture of care and aggression. The innings ended when Wilkinson and Maguire fell to further good slip catches.

Essex are kept at bay by Lord's defiance

By JACK BAILEY

ILFORD (first day of three; Worcestershire won toss): Worcestershire have scored 239 for seven wickets against Essex

IT WAS difficult to keep enthusiasm at fever pitch on a cool, dank day at Valentine's Park. But Essex, as befits the team pushing for the lead in the Britannic Assurance championship, made a passable attempt at it. They bowled well and fielded competently on the fast, bumpy outfield, made slippery by intermittent rain which took 23 overs from the day. Taking seven Worcestershire wickets kept them roughly on course.

They might have done better. Had two catches which went to hand in the slips been held instead of spilled, Worcestershire would have been in deepest trouble. For one of them was offered by Lord on 57, and he went on to hold his team together with a stalwart 85. The other chance, given by D'Oliveira, was less costly in terms of runs, but came at a critical time, shortly after Andrew had uprooted Moody's off stump with the ball still new.

Andrew and Foster were the pick of the bowlers, beating the bat time and again on a pacy pitch which offered bounce. Foster had the reliable Curtis lbw, long before expectation, and when Moody went to Andrew's perfectly pitched away swinger, Worcestershire were 19 for two and Neale must have wondered whether he had done the right thing in batting first. Lord, although hit painfully on the inside of the left knee, did much to vindicate his captain's choice. He batted in his solid, punchy, left-handed way for over four hours and weighty drives brought him most of his ten fours.

Meanwhile, D'Oliveira, who accompanied Lord in the day's highest stand of 73, had spooned a leading edge to mid-on; Neale had ended 29 overs of resistance by playing on to Foster and Weston had nibbled fatally at an outswinger. Lord himself gave Topley his third wicket by skying him to mid-wicket and when Malik bowled Illingworth round his legs, Essex's day was complete.

☐ Durham, who will become the 18th first-class county next year, will take part in the Tilcon Trophy at the Harrogate Festival next week. They will meet Leicestershire in the first semi-final on Tuesday. The other match is between Warwickshire and Surrey with the winners meeting in the final on Thursday.

Kent forced into day of hard labour

By GEOFFREY WHEELER

KENT condemned themselves to a third successive day in the field by asking Sussex to bat at Tunbridge Wells yesterday and a most unproductive one it proved.

Sussex, at full strength for the first time this season with the return after injury of Colin Wells, made 253 for two in the 85 overs possible, with Neil Lenham scoring his first century of the season and Alan Wells laying the foundations for what would be his fourth.

They have so far put on 183 for the third wicket in 54 overs. Lenham, dropped by Richard Ellison early in his innings, had another narrow escape at 94, slashing the ball between wicketkeeper and first slip. He went on to his hundred in 249 minutes with 13 fours and had reached 117 by the close when Wells, who is having a splendid season, had reached 76.

Chris Smith maintained his fine run of form during the 27 overs possible at Southampton where Hampshire were put in by Gloucestershire. David Lawrence worked up a lively pace but Smith (46) and Middleton (23) made 78 undefeated.

With their eyes on next week's Benson and Hedges Cup semi-final Lancashire fielded what was virtually a second XI in the Parks. However, the reserve bowlers proved good enough to reduce Oxford University to 56 for four when play began after tea.

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YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Middlesex v Leics

UXBRIDGE *(first day of three; Middlesex won toss): Middlesex, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 287 runs behind Leicestershire*

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings

T J Boon c Fairbrace b Ellcock 11
*N E Briers b Taylor 0
P N Hepworth c Emburey b Williams 32
J J Whitaker c Emburey b Williams 35
L Potter c Hutchinson b Emburey 41
†P Whitticase c Williams b Taylor 9
D J Millns c Roseberry b Tufnell 44
C Wilkinson c Brown b Williams 0
J N Maguire c Gatting b Williams 2
Extras (b 1, lb 5, w 5, nb 10) 21
Total (81.4 overs) 291

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-18, 3-71, 4-99, 5-149, 6-209, 7-224, 8-285, 9-285

BOWLING: Ellcock 7-3-22-1; Taylor 18-1-84-2; Williams 22.4-3-79-4; Emburey 14-3-43-1; Tufnell 22-5-57-2.

MIDDLESEX: First Innings

I J F Hutchinson not out 0
M A Roseberry not out 2
Extras (nb 2) 2
Total (no wkt, 2 overs) 4

*M W Gatting, K R Brown, M Keech, J E Emburey, †P Farbrace, N F Williams, C W Taylor, P C R Tufnell and R M Ellcock to bat.

Bonus points: Middlesex 4, Leicestershire 3.
Umpires: M J Kitchen and R C Tolchard.

Derbys v Glamorgan

CHESTERFIELD *(first day of three; Derbyshire won toss): Glamorgan, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 204 runs behind Derbyshire*

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings

*K J Barnett c Metson b Barwick 38
P D Bowler c Metson b Frost 38
J E Morris c Metson b Barwick 0
M Azharuddin c Metson b Frost 43
T J G O'Gorman c Metson b Frost 15
C J Adams c Smith b Barwick 13
†K M Krikken c Metson b Foster 40
D G Cork not out 34
A E Warner c Morris b Foster 19
S J Base c Metson b Barwick 0
O H Mortensen c Morris b Frost 7
Extras (lb 1, nb 11) 12
Total (56 overs) 259

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-80, 2-80, 3-80, 4-96, 5-123, 6-180, 7-210, 8-231, 9-241.

BOWLING: Frost 16-2-84-4; Foster 15-0-102-2; Barwick 22-5-51-4; Dale 3-0-11-0.

GLAMORGAN: First Innings

*A R Butcher not out 23
H Morris not out 30
R G Twose not out 1
Extras (b 10, lb 15, w 8, nb 2) 33
Total (5 wkts) 359

Score after 100 overs: 318-4.

†K J Piper, G C Small, T A Munton and A A Donald to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-41, 2-69, 3-172, 4-205, 5-357.

SOMERSET: S J Cook, P M Roebuck, A N Hayhurst, *C J Tavaré, R J Harden, R J Bartlett, †N D Burns, K H MacLeay, R P Lefebvre, N A Mallender and D A Graveney.

Bonus points: Warwickshire 4, Somerset 1.
Umpires: K J Lyons and R Palmer.

Hants v Gloucs

SOUTHAMPTON *(first day of three; Gloucestershire won toss): Hampshire have scored 73 for no wicket against Gloucestershire*

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings

T C Middleton not out 33
*C L Smith not out 46
Extras (b 1, lb 6, nb 2) 9
Total (no wkt, 27 overs) 78

K D James, V P Terry, D I Gower, R M F Cox, †A N Aymes, R J Maru, K J Shine, P J Bakker and Aqib Javed to bat.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: G D Hodgson, J J E Hardy, *A J Wright, C W J Athey, M W Alleyne, J W Lloyds, D R Gilbert, †R C J Williams, D V Lawrence, A M Smith and A M Babington.

Umpires: R Julian and B Dudleston.

Kent v Sussex

TUNBRIDGE WELLS *(first day of three; Kent won toss): Sussex have scored 253 for two wickets against Kent*

SUSSEX: First Innings

D M Smith c Davis b Iggleseden 48
J W Hall c Marsh b Iggleseden 5
N J Lenham not out 117
A P Wells not out 76
Extras (b 4, lb 3) 7
Total (2 wkts, 85 overs) 253

*P W G Parker, C M Wells, A I C Dodemaide, †P Moores, A C S Pigott, I D K Salisbury and A N Jones to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-26, 2-70.

KENT: N R Taylor, *M R Benson, T R Ward, G R Cowdrey, M V Fleming, R M Ellison, †S A Marsh, R P Davis, M J McCague, T A Merrick and A P Igglesden.

Bonus points: Kent 0, Sussex 3.
Umpires: D J Constant and B Hassan

Warks v Somerset

EDGBASTON *(first day of three; Somerset won toss): Warwickshire have scored 359 for five wickets against Somerset*

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings

A J Moles c Burns b MacLeay 16
J D Ratcliffe c Bartlett b Hayhurst 23
*T A Lloyd c Hayhurst b Graveney 82
D P Ostler c Burns b Graveney 59
D A Reeve c MacLeay b Graveney 82
S J Green not out 77
R G Twose not out 1
Extras (b 1, lb 6, w 1) 8
Total (5 wkts) 359

Score after 100 overs: 318-4.

†K J Piper, G C Small, T A Munton and A A Donald to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-41, 2-69, 3-172, 4-205, 5-357.

SOMERSET: S J Cook, P M Roebuck, A N Hayhurst, *C J Tavaré, R J Harden, R J Bartlett, †N D Burns, K H MacLeay, R P Lefebvre, N A Mallender and D A Graveney.

Bonus points: Warwickshire 4, Somerset 1.
Umpires: K J Lyons and R Palmer.

Essex v Worcs

ILFORD *(first day of three; Worcestershire won toss): Worcestershire have scored 239 for seven wickets against Essex*

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

T S Curtis lbw b Foster 2
G J Lord c Stephenson b Topley 85
T M Moody b Andrew 10
D B D'Oliveira c Andrew b Topley 25
*P A Neale b Foster 28
M J Weston c Garnham b Topley 5
†S J Rhodes not out 29
R K Illingworth b Malik 19
P J Newport not out 10
Extras (b 6, lb 5, w 3, nb 12) 26
Total (7 wkts, 87 overs) 239

S R Lampitt and N V Radford to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-19, 3-92, 4-141, 5-149, 6-182, 7-229.

ESSEX: J P Stephenson, A C Seymour, P J Prichard, Salim Malik, N Hussain, N Shahid, †M A Garnham, *N A Foster, T D Topley, S J W Andrew and J H Childs.

Bonus points: Essex 3, Worcestershire 2.
Umpires: D O Oslear and A G T Whitehead.

Other match

Oxford U v Lancs

THE PARKS *(first day of three; Oxford University won toss): Oxford University have scored 56 for four wickets against Lancashire*

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First Innings

R Montgomerie c Tichard b Yates 24
R E Morris lbw b Sharp 15
C Gupte not out 11
G Lovell lbw b Martin 1
†D Sandiford b Fitton 0
*G J Turner not out 1
Extras (lb 1, nb 3) 4
Total (4 wkts) 56

D B Pfaff, H R Davies, J Oppenheimer, B S Wood and P Gerrans to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-28, 2-50, 3-51, 4-54.

LANCASHIRE: N Speak, T Ormell, S Tichard, T Jesty, D Fitton, G Yates, R Hart, P Martin, *†J Stanworth, M Sharp and M Ward.

Umpires: A A Jones and K E Palmer.

Carruthers chosen

BOWLS

IAN Carruthers, who helped John Bell to the national indoor triples title, is one of two new caps in the England team to defend the home international championship at Ebbw Vale from July 3 to 5 (David Rhys Jones writes). Ian Middlemast, of Somerset, is the other newcomer, while Martyn Sekjer and Pip Branfield are recalled.

ENGLAND: Rink one: I Carruthers (Cumbria), C Simpson (Durham), T Armstrong (Lancashire), A Allcock (Gloucestershire). Rink two: J Rednall (Suffolk), R Gass (Cumbria), P J Branfield (Somerset), D S Ward (Norfolk). Rink three: J M Ottaway (Norfolk), R Cutts (Suffolk), G P Harrington (Oxford), J N Bell (Cumbria). Rink four: G A Smyth (Middlesex), D A Holt (Lancashire), G P Burgess (Worcestershire), E P Hanger (Buckinghamshire). Rink five: I Boyle (Yorkshire), M Sekjer (Kent), W Richards (Surrey). D J Bryant (Somerset) Rink six: B Morley (Nottinghamshire), I Middlemast (Somerset), M Biggs (Wiltshire), A E Thomson (Kent) Reserves: G A Smith (Kent), D Taylor (Cumbria).

☐ Robert Price, of Brynmawr, who has won the Welsh singles title twice, turned a 0-4 deficit into a 12-4 lead in only four ends, and went on to beat Neville Hill, of New Zealand, 25-10 in the sixth and final Test match at Cardiff yesterday.

EQUESTRIANISM

A Bramham takeover by an old champion

By JENNY MACARTHUR

SANDY Pfleuger, who is competing at the Toyota Bramham international three-day event for the first time since she won it in 1977, has taken over the lead on Fair and Square at the end of a cold and damp second day of dressage.

Pippa Nolan, the former European young riders champion, is the highest placed Briton, in third place on eight-year-old Metronome — one point behind Thursday's overnight leader, Eddy Stibbe, of The Netherlands.

Virginia Leng, the European champion, is a close fourth on Welton Chit Chat, whose test yesterday reflected Leng's contention that the nine-year-old gelding is now on "the brink of being really impressive".

Pfleuger produced a sparkling test on the 11-year-old Fair and Square. Pfleuger, based near Hungerford, spent six years from 1984 in Germany, being taught by Georg Theodorescu, the American team trainer. She returned to eventing after buying Fair and Square five years ago. The pair were third at Le Lion d'Angers in France last autumn, but had a disappointing outing at Milton Keynes last month where they had a refusal on the cross country.

Nolan's preparation for today's bold cross-country course has been more rewarding. Metronome was sixth at Blenheim last September and won his section at Weston Park last month.

Leng's main concern today is getting Chit Chat to concentrate. The horse is a slow developer and is easily distracted by crowds.

Ian Stark, the world silver medallist, produced his best so far with the Edinburgh Woollen Mill's Skean Dhu, a horse he started riding in February.

RESULTS: Three-day event (after dressage): 1 Fair and Square (S Pfleuger, US) 43.6, 2 Bristol's Kilmacthomas (E Stibbe, The Netherlands) 48.8, 3 Metronome (P Nolan, GB) 49.8; 4 Welton Chit Chat (V Leng, GB) 51.4; 5 Cetewayo (D Clapham, GB) 53.2, 6 Rebaby (M-C Duroy, France) 53.4. Booth Young Riders National Championships (after dressage): 1 Smithstown Lad (K Gifford) 49.8; 2 Diamond Pedlar (L Jennings) 50.2; 3 McRattles (S Newman) 53.2. Pat Phin Burghley Evans Horse Qualifier: Four-year-olds: 1, Nutcracker (L Hanson), 81pts; 2, Estate Agent (R Carruthers), 77.

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Atkinson completes £1m move to Aston Villa

By Chris Moore

RON Atkinson was installed as manager of Aston Villa yesterday on a four-year contract believed to be worth as much as £1 million. The appointment was confirmed less than 48 hours after Atkinson had resigned as manager of Sheffield Wednesday.

Only five days before, Atkinson had declined an offer from Villa, saying he would be "barmy" to leave Hillsborough after leading Wednesday to promotion to the first division and success in the Rumbelows Cup.

Yesterday, against a background of anger from supporters in Sheffield, and the threat of legal action from his former club, he blamed himself for not "sticking to his guns" last Friday.

"It wasn't a change of heart," he said. "I have to hold my hands up and admit I bottled it. It was a very emotive day for me when I went up to Sheffield to tell them I was leaving and I should have gone through with the decision there and then. If the news hadn't leaked, I would have done.

"It's been arguably the biggest decision I have ever had to make in football. I can understand that the Sheffield people may feel I have let them down, and in view of what happened last weekend, I have to admit I probably have.

"The fact is I was an apprentice at Villa, I watched all my early football here, I probably know the club as well as their most avid fan, and I have always had a gut feeling that one day I would be the manager here. That day has now arrived and I am delighted to be here."

Atkinson has already offered Andy Gray, the former Scotland and Villa forward, the chance of returning to Villa Park as his right-hand man. But the club is parting company with Dennis Booth and Bobby Downs, two of the backroom staff recruited by Graham Taylor.

Doug Ellis, the Villa chairman, denied approaching Atkinson illegally. "We have been advised by our lawyers not to comment on the threat of legal action from Sheffield Wednesday because the matter is *sub judice*," he said.

"But the sequence of events unfolded after I had been approached by Ron Atkinson's business adviser to say that he was interested in taking over from Jozef Venglos. I did speak to Ron because I had to ask him if that was the case.

"I told him that subject to the Wednesday chairman giving me permission to discuss the vacancy with him, I would take the matter from there. But I was refused permission and had no alternative but to accept the situation.

"In the meantime, I spoke to three other chairmen before, out of the blue, I heard that Ron had resigned at Sheffield. His business adviser contacted me again on Wednesday to see if Ron could still be considered."

Asked about the future of David Platt, Villa's England international, Atkinson left the door open for a transfer to Italy.

"I would certainly like to build a side around him. I see him as another Bryan Robson who works from box to box and scores goals. But I understand that sometimes it's necessary to sell players to strengthen other positions."

Speaking to radio listeners in Sheffield, he said that in an "ideal world" there is a "lorryload" of players he would have liked to have brought with him from Wednesday.

"But I will not be going back to plunder Hillsborough," he said.

☐ David Pleat completed his return to Luton Town yesterday when he signed a three-year contract to become manager of the club for the second time. Pleat first joined Luton as a player in the 1960s, and as manager led the club into the first division, and then left for Tottenham six years ago.

One of Pleat's first acts was to hire as his assistant Colin Murphy, the former manager of Lincoln, Derby and Stockport.

On the day that Pleat returned as manager at Kenilworth road, the man he replaced, Jim Ryan, joined Manchester United as a coach.

☐ Neil Warnock, who turned his back on the chance of managing Chelsea for Notts County, yesterday said: "I've stunned myself by turning them down." Warnock told the Chelsea chairman, Ken Bates, he had decided to reject his lucrative offer.



Managing a smile: Atkinson announces his move yesterday

CYCLING

Walker still has some work to do on last day

By Peter Bryan

CHRIS Walker, with dedicated backing from his Banana-Falcon colleagues since the first stage, has overall Milk Race victory only 82 miles away when he starts the final run, between Manchester and Liverpool, today.

But Walker said after a second place yesterday at Leeds that he knew he could not afford to relax on the flat last stage, when more often than not rivals concede victory to the leader and allow a few no-hopers to escape.

That is not likely to happen in this, the 34th edition of the 1,150-mile event, with Walker holding a 22-second lead and still an attractive target for seven riders who sit within two minutes of him on total time. Two of the seven, Keith Reynolds and Rob Holden, are team colleagues, but that leaves the amateur champion, Simeon Hempsall, of England, Harry Lodge, of Collstrop, Paul Curran, of England, Vladimir Abramov, of the Soviet Union, and Darren Baker, of the United States, with an outside chance.

Yesterday's 106-mile stage developed along the familiar pattern. Riders offering no danger to the leaders were allowed to escape, until the counter-challenge was ordered by Walker to reel in a quartet of Casper van der Neer, of Netherlands, Johan Devos, of SEFB, Jonas Carney, of the United States, and Peter Naessens, of Collstrop, when they were ten minutes ahead. The breakaway had started at 19 miles, and by Barnsley (57 miles) van der Neer, who had been 8min 24sec behind Walker at the start, was overall race leader on the road.

Naessens took the day's only hill prime on Lane Head (72 miles), having left his three companions struggling. His foray lasted 20 minutes before the trio caught him in Huddersfield. There, the four saw their advantage chopped back to five minutes and a bunch of more than 50 riders swept them up five miles from the end to finish an escape that had lasted 82 miles.

Walker sent John Clay to the front to force rival teams to chase and take him with them. Clay stirred the bunch to a speed of 35mph, but he was caught close to the finish in his home city.

Jerry Cooman, of SEFB, put his sprinting ability to advantage, finishing two lengths clear to deprive Walker of a fourth stage win.

RESULT (eleventh stage, Sheffield to Leeds (106.6 miles): 1, J Cooman (SEFB-Saxon, Bel), 4hr 27min 43sec; 2, C Walker (Banana-Falcon, GB); 3, J Bogaert (Collstrop-loogless, Bel); 4, Z Spruch (Pol); 5, M Ramin (TVM, Neth); 6, M van Stean (Neth); 7, A Perks (GB Amateurs); 8, A Dolgnikh (USSR); 9, D Lonergan (Ire); 10, P Kosab (Pol). All same time. Team: 1, Poland 13hr 23min 09sec. Overall: 1, Walker, 42hr 08min 13 sec; 2, S Hempsall (Eng Amateurs), 42:08:35; 3, K Reynolds (Banana-Falcon, GB), 42:08:38; 4, H Lodge (Collstrop-loogless, GB), 42:09:04; 5, R Holden (Banana-Falcon, GB), 42:09:09; 6, P Curran (Eng Amateurs), 42:09:15; 7, V Abramov (USSR), 42:10:08; 8, D Baker (US), 42:10:11; 9, D Beelen (SEFB-Saxon, Bel), 42:10:16; 10, D Cook (Eng Amateurs), 42:10:19. Teams: 1, Banana-Falcon, 129hr 16 min 20sec; 2, England, 128:18:12; 3, Collstrop-loogless, 128:20:41. Points: Walker 154. Sprints: J Walshaw (GB Professionals), 20pts. Mountains GP (final positions): 1, T Bamford (NZ), 128pts; 2, D Tcharlochine (USSR), 88; 3, Lodge 74. Combined 1, Walker 26pts; 2, Reynolds 22; 3, Holden 35.

TODAY: Twelfth stage (Manchester to Liverpool, 82 miles). Start, 11am, Bury 11.56, Aspull 12.32, Windle 13.09. Finish, 14.28.



HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Happy as a sand boy: Stephen Field escapes from a bunker in his challenge to the leader at Fulford yesterday

Field breaks free of also-rans

By Mel Webb

WHAT with one thing and another, the last three weeks have been the most momentous in the life of one young Yorkshireman. Quite suddenly he is no longer Stephen Who? but Stephen Field, professional golfer. On the whole, he has decided, he rather likes the feeling.

He was first exposed to the arc lights of celebrity a couple of weeks ago when he played the third round of the PGA championship at Wentworth with Severiano Ballesteros, and eventually finished fifteenth. Yesterday he was up to his attention-grabbing tricks again when a 66 in the second round of the Murphy's Cup at Fulford left him in second place on the leaderboard. Field, aged 26, who scored 12 points in the modified Stableford format of this tournament to put him on a total of 27, one point behind the leader, Mike Harwood, of Australia, is not overawed by the heady company he has been keeping.

He says, however, that there have been times in the recent past when he had to pinch himself to assure himself that it has not all been a grand illusion.

Field, an assistant at Otley, got into this tournament as a PGA northern area qualifier, the same route that took him to the biggest pay day of his life — £6,700 — at Wentworth.

He reckons that a top-three place here will earn him enough cash to put him in the top 120 of the European money list and earn him a place on the Tour next year. The way he has played in the last two days — he had six birdies yesterday and has dropped only one stroke in 36 holes — he might well have achieved his goal by Sunday night.

First, however, he has to fend off the challenge of such powerful performers as Ian Woosnam, Eamonn Darcy and Sam Torrance, all of whom are within a handful of birdies of him.

The same applies to Harwood, who proved that his recovery from cracking a couple of ribs while jogging near his home in Australia in February is complete. He had eight birdies, which brought him 16 points, and dropped only one point with a solitary bogey. Mark this man — he is dangerous, and has a taste for winning large sums of money.

LEADING SECOND ROUND SCORES (GB and Ireland unless stated): 28: M Harwood (Aus), 13, 15. 27: S Field, 15, 12. 24: R McFarlane, 9, 15. 23: P-U Johansson, 13, 10. 22: E Darcy, 13, 9; M Moreno (Sp), 10, 12. 20: J Rivero (Sp), 16. 4: C O'Connor Jr, 10, 10; I Woosnam, 14, 6. 19: B Lane, 14, 5. 18: H Clark, 14, 4; J Van de Velde (Fr), 11, 7; A Johnstone (Zim), 10, 8. 18: S Torrance, 8, 10. 17: A Forsbrand (Swe), 11, 6; P Baker, 5, 12; P Walton, 6, 11; W Westner (SA), 16, 1; A Lyle, 6, 11.

18: J Spence, 9, 7; D A Russell, 10, 8; R Hartmann (US), M McLean, 12, 4; A Binaghi (It), R Rafferty, 7, 9; C Montgomerie, 7, 8; P O'Malley (Aus), 10, 8; M Roe, 10, 8; S McAllister, 10, 8; P Teravainen (US), 12, 4. 15: M James, 8, 7; G Brand Jr, 8, 7; J Rutledge (Can), 7, 8; A Hunter, 4, 11; D Smyth, 11, 4; M Martin (Sp), 11, 4; J Pamevik (Swe) 12, 3; J Angladа (Sp), 8, 7; K Waters, 10, 5. 14: K Trimble (Aus), 5, 9; M Davis, 8, 6; C Mason, 5, 9; P Way, 4, 10; P Mitchell, 8, 6; P Senior (Aus), 10, 4; M Mouland, 12, 2.

Tillman walks tall in father's cause

THE cry of "carve up" was smilingly deflected at Royal St George's yesterday by Bill Tillman, originator of the tournament begun in his own name in 1980 to encourge the use of the bigger ball in amateur golf (John Hennessy writes).

But there are few bigger ball hitters than Adam Tillman, son of the founder, since he stands over 6ft 8in and his victory yesterday, his first over 72 holes, owed nothing to nepotism. He scored 71 and 72 for a total of 284, four over par.

An unexpected challenge came from John Bickerton, winner of the Berkshire Trophy, who recorded two 69s yesterday. That left Tillman, aged 25, to secure a birdie at the last, a rare achievement at Sandwich, for victory. He stood on the tee with his nerves on edge after a six at the 17th, where he hooked into the rough and hit a six iron third over the green.

That six iron, however, fully atoned on the 18th, where he hit it from 170 yards to six feet. Then he bent his huge frame over his putter and gently rolled the ball home.

LEADING FINAL SCORES: 284: A Tillman (Wilkinsonsword), 70, 71, 71, 72. 285: J Bickerton (Droitwich), 74, 73, 69, 69. 287: D Fisher (Stoke Poges), 68, 74, 71, 74. 288: G Evans (Worthing), 69, 77, 70, 73. 291: R Tuddenham (Barton-on-Sea), 71, 75, 76, 69. 292: W Hewlett (Royal Blackheath), 73, 75, 70, 76. 293: D Probert (Coventry), 70, 74, 73, 76. 294: D Wilks (Sutton Coldfield), 77, 70, 75, 72. 295: M Thompson (Ferndown), 80, 73, 71, 71; R Coles (Maylands), 72, 76, 73, 72.

Britain heading for a Major achievement

THE Northumberland club in Newcastle stands poised to be mentioned in prime ministerial dispatches today when Britain and New Zealand meet there to decide the fate of the ninth Commonwealth women's tournament (Patricia Davies writes).

Margaret Thatcher had not yet impinged on the national consciousness when Britain last won this quadrennial event, in 1975, but if they succeed today against a country that has never claimed the title — but tied Australia down 5-1 yesterday — John Major will be able to add to his list of "things never achieved under Maggie".

All five members of the British side contributed to the 5-1 drubbing of Canada, the defending champions, but none caused more delight than Linzi Fletcher, the Geordie in the team. Excluded from the foursomes, which Britain won 2-0, the Northumberland player was two under par when she hammered Eve-Lyne Biron seven and six.

Fletcher was concentrating so hard that she strode to the 13th tee unaware that the match was over.

Julie Hall, who defends her British title next week, won the 14th, 15th and 16th to beat Terrill Samuel three and two and clinch the match. Catriona Lambert, the Scottish champion, defeated Mary Ann Lapointe five and three to maintain her unbeaten record.

FOOTBALL

Norwich's record transfer brings Beckford for £1m

By Our Sports Staff

NORWICH City broke their transfer record yesterday with the signing of the Port Vale forward, Darren Beckford, for £1 million. The first division club's manager, Dave Stringer, who has pursued Beckford, aged 24, for several weeks, drove to Manchester for final talks. The signed him just after lunch-time.

Stringer said: "He has got a very good goalscoring record and that is probably what we have been lacking in the last couple of seasons. He is a 20-goal-a-season man. It's something we have been wanting to do — get a player in with a good scoring record.

"He scored 25 goals for Port Vale last season and that is exactly what we are looking forward to him doing at Norwich from now on."

The Norwich coach, David Williams, who scouted Beckford regularly, said: "He hasn't done it in the first division yet but we are confident he will. We think he will be a very big asset to the club. He is a very good player and has a fine goal-scoring record."

Norwich's previous record signing was Paul Blades, the defender bought from Derby for £700,000, last summer. That figure may be beaten again if Norwich succeed in their attempt to sign Beckford's Port Vale team-mate, Robbie Earle. The midfield player, aged 26, would probably cost about £900,000.

☐ Paul Gascoigne's adviser met Lazio officials in Rome yesterday to thrash out the final details of the Tottenham Hotspur player's transfer to the Italian club. According to a Lazio spokesman, Mel Stein — who is also the solicitor acting for Gascoigne — met the Lazio sports director, Carlo Regalia, at the first division club's Rome headquarters.

"It's all going ahead. They just discussed some technical questions. It's up to the lawyers now," the spokesman, Maurizio Manzini, said. He would not be drawn on when the transfer could be finalised.

Lazio refuse to comment on speculation that the transfer would be worth a world record £8.5 million with a £3.4 million down-payment.

The deal would not only ease Tottenham's £20 million debt crisis but assist Newcastle United. Gascoigne's former club are entitled to 10 per cent of any profit on the player, who damaged knee ligaments in Tottenham's 2-1 win over Nottingham Forest in the FA Cup final last month.

☐ Halifax are expected to be under new control after a meeting of Calderdale council on August 14 — only three days before the start of the new season. A council sub-committee decided yesterday to invite more offers — it already has five — for the council's 76 per cent shareholding which has a face value of £91,000.

The appointment of an administrator by the High Court next week will guarantee the survival of the fourth division club for at least ninety days, although they are more than £40,000 in debt.

☐ The Dutch international forward, Wim Kieft, broke his arm during Wednesday's 1-1 draw with Finland in the European championship match in Helsinki, it was confirmed yesterday. Kieft sustained the injury in an accidental collision with an opponent shortly after he came on as a substitute 13 minutes from the end. He carried on playing.

Kieft, who broke the same arm last year, plans to leave the troubled French club, Bordeaux but has yet to find himself new employers.

YACHTING

Oracle's wings clipped

A DECISION not to carry out a trim change to increase stability and to remain instead in light-weather mode is now seen as one reason for the disappointing performance of Wings of Oracle in her first canter against her Champagne Mumm Admiral's Cup rivals, at the Two Ton Cup in Kiel, Germany (Malcolm McKeag writes).

Yesterday, the British Admiral's Cup team member again finished fourth, this time in the 145-mile short off-shore race. The Oracle camp, however, are not making excuses. They admit to tactical errors which have twice turned winning positions into losses on the final leg. "We could easily be leading this regatta," a spokesman said. Instead, they are fourth.

Oracle has also had her share of bad breaks. At the start of the race which finished yesterday, a 40-degree wind shift turned the first beat into a fetch and Oracle's first place into sixth. In a race with few tactical opportunities, she spent the next 140 miles trying to catch up.

When this regatta finishes today, Oracle will be re-configured for heavier air in time for Kiel Week, which begins on June 21.

RESULTS: 1, Unibank (Den), 20hr 46min 28sec; 2, Larouge (It), 20:51:45; 3, Rubin (Ger), 20:55:25; 4, Wings of Oracle (GB), 21:06:31; 5, Corum Rubis (Fr), 21:23:25.

POLO

Relentless Brancos squander their lead

By John Watson

ROYAL Windsor Cup matches at Ambersham, Sussex, yesterday resulted in a 7-6 win for Richard Guess's team, Rowleys, against Lord Milford Haven's Brancos, and a 6-5 win for Gordon Roddick's Frasers against Prince Tengku Mahkota's Royal Pahang.

Brancos, deploying the same combination that won the recent Tyro Cup, possess a fine central partnership in Tomas Ezcurra and his No. 2, William Lucas, who both play off six handicaps. They enjoyed much the best of their match and should have triumphed. Nearly all Rowleys' talent is in their nine-goal Brazilian, Omar Sosa. His mallet mastered the ball as much as that of any player on the ground.

Brancos led 4-1 at the end of the second chukka, but although they maintained a relentless offensive — due much to the badly scarred turf — they kept missing their opponents' goal. Rowleys owed their victory to Brancos' tendency to cross, which cost Brancos three conversions by Sosa in the second half of the challenge.

The second match, a more spirited encounter, was level pegged right through, although Frasers, pivoted on William Lucas, who both play off six handicaps. They enjoyed much the best of their match and should have triumphed. Nearly all Rowleys' talent is in their nine-goal Brazilian, Omar Sosa. His mallet mastered the ball as much as that of any player on the ground.

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ROWLEYS: 1, A Eskri (1); 2, D Morley (3); 3, O Sosa (6); Back, R Guess (2).
BRANCOS: 1, G Farley (1); 2, W Lucas (6); 3, T Ezcurra (6); Back, Lord Milford Haven (2).
FRASERS: 1, G Roddick (1); 2, F M Moreno (5); 3, J Lucas (5); Back, W Roberts (3).
ROYAL PAHANG: 1, R Fine (0); 2, P Elliott (5); 3, M Casel (6); Back, Prince Tengku Mahkota (3).

FOR THE RECORD

CRICKET

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Hinckley (Glamorgan 300-4 dec (P A Cottey 105 not out, S P James 52) and 195-2 dec (D L Hemp 82 not out, P A Cottey 77); Leicestershire 223-8 dec (D Marryn 71 not out, I F Pender 61) and 130-7 (J D Benson 65). Match drawn

NATIONAL VILLAGE CHAMPIONSHIP: Second round: Stanstead 205-8, Hunday Park 164-4; Wherwell 214-6, Rotherfield Park 92; Panton 137-8, Coldridge 112; Ramsdell 117-6, Puttenham 121-7; Wellow and Pastford 140-9, Burridge 151-7. Third round: Dinton 232-5, Steeple Clayton 37; Great Hampden 139, Penn 139-8; Audley End 156-9, South Weald 120; Sewards End 142-7, Roxwell 124-9; Stock 261-7, Great Burstead 114; Horndon-on-the-Hill 237-2, Great Warley 174; Lullington 151-5; Sutterncted 114; East Woodhay 127, Woldingham 129-3, Veryan 183-7, Ludgvan 153; Bottesck 135, Pratts 136-6; Wendron 259-8, St Laven 134-8; Menheniot 175-9, Boconnoc 113-7, Gorran 178-6, Mount Ambrose 177-4; Bradninch 165-3, Feniton 166-3; Ipplepen 262-3, Clyst Hydon 77. Third round: Sochabere 184, Rosslo Priory 186-5; Glendelvine 158, Yetholm and Morebattle 137-8; Ellesdon 201-7; Buckminster 136; Bitteswell 127 Tamworth-in-Arden 128-4; Chaddesley Corbett 200, Brockhampton 204-5, Llangwyn 122-5, Cressally 128-2, St Ishmaels 138, Hook 143-5; Dyffryn 148-5, Caychurch 149-8

SCHOOLS MATCHES: *Bethany 191-3, Maidstone GS 195-1 (S Tunnicliffe 138 not out); Watford GS 191-5, *Forest 194-7 Barclays Bank Under 17 Club: St George's, Weybridge 224-1 (C Segal 100, T Carrell 105 not out); St John's, Leatherhead 202-8.

* denotes home team

SPEEDWAY

GOLD CUP: Second division: Long Eaton 54, Sheffield 36

inEAT BSPA TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP: Reading 17, Wimbledon 14, Poole 9, Swindon 8 (at Wimbledon)

SUNBRITE LEAGUE Second division: Sheffield 56 (M Evitt 18, P Carr 14) Newcastle 36 (D Barsh 12, M Thorpe 11).

YACHTING

LAND ROVER NATIONS CUP: 1, Bermuda, 6pts; 2, Canada, 5; equal 3, United States, British Virgin Islands, US Virgin Islands; 6, Antigua, 1; 7, Mexico, 0.

LA BAULE Sailing European Championship: Provisional results: Fourth race: 1, J Schumann/T Flach/B Meckel (Ger); 2, F Vranac/J Nicaes/S Dripaux (Fr); 3, M Holmberg/J Berne/B Alm (Swe); 4, J Benk/S Secher/J Seler (Den); 5, S Pichugin/S Khaynitskavs/V Karatrov (USSR). British placings: 25, G Charles/S Fry/C Gowers; 27, A Beadsworth/C Sherrell/ Tillett; 35, D Tabb/M Dorrell/G Pearson; 40, S Pyatt/P Hawkins/D Finney; 53, J Bell/D Lawrence/R Page. Fifth race: 1, J Benk/B Secher/J Seler (Den); 2, J Schumann/T Flach/B Jakel (Ger); 3, M Holmberg/J Berne/B Alm (Swe); 4, M Hershkevitz/P Andersen/J Andersen (Den); 5, T Peponnet/G Morvan/D Fame (Fr).

British Placings

11 D Tabb/M Borrett/G Pearson;

24 A Beadsworth/C Sherrell/ Tillett

25 G Charles/S Fry/C Gowers

33 S Pyatt/P Hawkins/D Finney

65 J Bell/D Lawrence/R Page

sailing european championships

Provisional overall results after five races:

1 M Holmberg/J Berne/B Alm (Sweden) 2 D Curtis/D Dellenbaugh/P Murphy (USA) 3 J Benk/S Secher/J Seler (Denmark) 4 K Mahaney/J Brady/D Korn (USA) 5 J Schumann/T Flach/B Jakel (Germany).

Sailing European Championship — La Baule, France. Provisional overall results after five races: Britain: 32, A Beadsworth/C Sherrell/ Tillett; 36, G Charles/S Fry/C Gowers; 39, D Tabb/M Borrett/G Pearson; 40, S Pyatt/P Hawkins/D Finney.

BOWLS

CARDIFF: Wales v New Zealand: Sixth International match: Singles: R Price (Wales) bt N Hill (NZ), 25-10. Fours: A Atwood, P Rowlands, M Anstey, J Ellis (Wales) lost to M Kernaghen, M Morrison, P Skoglund, M Symes (NZ), 17-18. Wales and New Zealand level at 1-1.

SQUASH RACKETS

DUNLOP CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS: Regional semi-finals: Scotland: Men: D Ritchie (Bridge of Allen) bt D Hickman (Waverley), 9-5, 9-1, 9-5; P Nicol (Aberdeen) bt D Mellor (Stirling), 9-1, 9-1, 9-1. Women: A Bonas (Edinburgh) bt V Sproule (Marco's), 9-3, 9-5, 9-1; C Waddell (Aberdeen) bt I Davis (Dunfermline), 9-2, 9-10, 9-2, 9-3. West: Men: P Taylor (Riverside) bt M Gregory (Exeter), 4-9, 3-9, 9-1, 9-5, 9-2; R Watkins (West Country) bt J Gliddon (Westcountry), 9-5, 9-4, 2-9, 7-9, 9-5. Women: A Hodkinson (Lansdown) bt A Mackay (Bristol), 9-5, 9-4, 7-9, 9-0; C Davis (Westcountry) bt F Hardy (Wessex), 9-1, 9-7, 9-4. Midlands: Men: R Buttery (Arrow) bt B Hickerman (Brampton), 5-9, 9-4, 9-5, 9-6; C Downing (Shifnal) bt D Greyston (Birmingham), 9-3, 9-7, 9-5. Women: B Poole (Edgbaston Priory) bt T Shenton (Burslem), 9-0, 9-1, 9-1; Z Wooldridge (Stourbridge) bt S Dryhurst (Mt Saint Green), 9-5, 4-9, 9-5, 9-2. North East: Men: M Thorpe (Huddersfield) bt R Thompson (Darlington), 9-4, 9-0, 10-8; K Andrews (Nunthorp) bt P Harrison (Tynemouth), 4-9, 4-9, 9-5, 9-1, 9-1. Women: P Nicholl (Sunderland) bt J Gillespie (Durham), 9-4, 9-0, 9-0; E Mills (Redcar) bt J Shields (Darlington), 9-0, 8-10, 9-3, 9-2.

SNOOKER

BERLIN: European Masters League: J Wattana (Thai) bt A Drago (Malta), 5-3.

MOTORCYCLING

SALTZBURG: Austrian 500cc grand prix (leading times after first official practice): 1, M Doohan (Aus), Honda, (lap 18.71sec (average speed 184.052 kph); 2, K Schwantz (US), Suzuki, 1:19.755; 3, W Rainey (US), Yamaha, 1:19.083; 4, W Gardner (Aus), Honda, 1:19.338; 5, J Kocinski (US), Yamaha, 1:19.610; 6, E Lawson (US), Cagiva, 1:19.823; 7, J Garriga (Sp), Yamaha, 1:20.238; 8, D De Radigales (Sp), Suzuki, 1:20.331; 9, D Chandler (US), Yamaha, 1:20.798; 10, A Morillas (Fr), Yamaha, 1:20.826.

EQUESTRIANISM

ARDINGLY: South of England Show: Take-Your-Own-Line: 1, Crosy (N Coope); 2, Everest Unique (M Edgar); 3, Everest Ginger (E-J Brown). Top score: 1, Don Shang Digby (R Barton); 2, La Paz (M McCourt); 3, Master Minott (G Fletcher).

South of England Stakes: 1, Everest Hasty Exit (E-J Brown); 2, Everest Rapier (M Edgar); 3, La Paz (M McCourt). Heat Champion: Cooper Corporation (Royal Mile). Reserver: Mr and Mrs J Jackson's Top Class Kingdom Like H Goldtitle's Super Ted. Reserve: J Dunlop's Just William. Roy Crabar in-hand champion: J Dunlop's Blue Duster. Reserve: Mrs J Rucklidge's Jackata Mayaung.

ST GALLEN, Switzerland: Nations Cup: Prelo dos St Gallen (Spanish): 1, Henderson Tocs (Britain) on Wallaker, GB), 73.68sec; 2, Alfiet (W Gabathuler, Switz), 79.33; 3, Curtis (P Guerdat, Switz), 79.41. Power and Speed: 1, Henderson Mon Santa (M Whitaker, (GB), 34.79; 2, Special Envoy (R Pessoa, Br), 35.85; 3, Moet et Chandon Shandor (M Fuchs, Switz), 36.02.

Mercedes Benz Trophy: 1, M Fuchs (Switz), 18; 2, M Whitaker (GB), 12; 3, R Pessoa (Br), 10; 12, J Turi (GB), 3.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Chicago Cubs 6, San Diego Padres 2; Cincinnati Reds 5, New York Mets 3; San Francisco Giants 6, Pittsburgh Pirates 3; Atlanta Braves 9, Philadelphia Phillies 4; Houston Astros 3, Montreal Expos 8; Los Angeles Dodgers 1, St Louis Cardinals 0.

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Detroit Tigers 5, Seattle Mariners 4; Kansas City Royals 4, Texas Rangers 3 (18 innings); Oakland A's 9, Milwaukee Brewers 8; Baltimore Orioles 6, Toronto Blue Jays 4; Chicago White Sox 2, Cleveland Indians 1 (10 innings); California Angels 3, Boston Red Sox 2.

CYCLING

DAUPHINE LIBERE: Fifth stage (Pilas to Orange, 197km): 1, S Yates (GB), 4hr 31min 01sec; 2, F Moncassin (Fr); 3, V Balmov (USSR), both at same time; 4, P Lino (Fr), 15:52sec; 5, Y Ledanois (Fr), at 5sec; 3, T Bourguignon (Fr), at 18.

GIRO D'ITALIA: Twelfth stage (Savona to Monviso, 180km): 1, M Lelli (It), 5hr 04min 10sec; 2, J-F Bernard (Fr), at 3sec; 3, F Chiocciali (It); 4, M Lejarreta (Sp), both same time; 5, C Chiapucci (It), at 39; 6, T Boyer (Fr), same time; 13, G Bugno (It), at 1min 44sec; 14, M Chiarelli, Chiocciali 56:59:20; 2, Lejarreta, at 30sec; 3, Lelli, at 1min 07sec; 4, Chiapucci, at 1:33; 5, Bugno, at 1:57; 6, V Pushilov (USSR), at 3:26.

18: J Spence, 9, 7; D A Russell, 10, 8; R Hartmann (US), M McLean, 12, 4; A Binaghi (It), R Rafferty, 7, 9; C Montgomerie, 7, 8; P O'Malley (Aus), 10, 8; M Roe, 10, 8; S McAllister, 10, 8; P Teravainen (US), 12, 4. 15: M James, 8, 7; G Brand Jr, 8, 7; J Rutledge (Can), 7, 8; A Hunter, 4, 11; D Smyth, 11, 4; M Martin (Sp), 11, 4; J Pamevik (Swe) 12, 3; J Angladа (Sp), 8, 7; K Waters, 10, 5. 14: K Trimble (Aus), 5, 9; M Davis, 8, 6; C Mason, 5, 9; P Way, 4, 10; P Mitchell, 8, 6; P Senior (Aus), 10, 4; M Mouland, 12, 2.

TOUR OF ASTURIAS: Third stage (Llanes — Avilas; 113.5 miles): 1, A Gutierrez (Sp), 4:50:44; 2, M Eliot (GB); 3, M Hermans (Neth); 4, J C Gonzalez (Sp); 5, M Dockerty (Bel); 6, U Raab (Ger); 7, N Vermeeren (Neth); 8, M Fondriest (It); 9, A Sellov (USSR); 10, J Rosado (Sp), all same time. Overall: 1, D Dekker (Neth), 12hr 36min 27sec; 2, E Breukink (Neth), 1min 45sec behind; 3, J Nielen (Neth), 1:22; 4, F Mennsen (Neth), same time; 5, M Indurain (Sp), 1:54; 6, M Alonso (Sp), same time; 7, A Jeermeijer (Swe), 2:50; 8, T Wagmuller (Switz), same time; 9, J Weltz (Den), 2:10; 10, A Fuerte (Sp), same time.

GOLF

NORTHUMBERLAND CLUB: Commonwealth women's tournament: Britain 5 Canada 1 (British names first): Foursomes: V Thomas and J Hall bt T Samuel and EA. Biron, 1 hole; C Lambert and E Fergusherson bt M A Lapointe and L Kane, 3 and 2. Singles: Hall bt Samuel, 3 and 2; Fletcher bt Biron, 7 and 6; Fergusherson lost to Kane, 2 and 1; Lambert bt Lapointe, 5 and 3. New Zealand 5 Australia 1 (NZ names first): Foursomes: J Higgins and A Stolt bt L Briers and E Kennedy, 1 hole; M McGuire and K Starr bt D Doolan and J Sherwood, 2 and 1. Singles: Higgins bt Briers, 3 and 2; McGuire bt Kennedy, 3 and 2; Stolt lost to Doolan, 4 and 2; L Aldridge bt Sherwood, 3 and 1.

LA MANGA, Spain: Women's Classic: Leading second-round scores (GB and Ire unless stated): 141: K Prechtl (US), 67, 74. 142: S Moon (US), 69, 73; H Alfredsson (Swe), 73, 69; F Descampe (Bel), 70, 72. 143: K Douglas, 69, 75. 144: H Dobson, 74, 70; L Percival, 72, 72; R Comstock (US), 71, 73; L Mentz (SA), 73, 71; K Parker (US), 70, 74. 145: S Elliott, 71, 74; D Reid, 73, 72; C Nilsmark (Swe), 74, 71; J Kintz (US), 72, 73. 146: A Sheppott, 74, 72; J Furby, 72, 74; K Saiki (US), 70, 76; K Marquette (US), 75, 71; M Garner, 70, 76; C Baker (Can), 72, 74.

Bugno loses touch

MONVISO (AFP) — Gianni Bugno's challenge for the leader's jersey in the Giro d'Italia evaporated on the climb to this 2,200-metre high Alpine town yesterday, the twelfth stage of the race. He finished nearly two minutes behind the leading four, who included the man presently in charge, Franco Chioccioli, and his close pursuer, the Spaniard, Marino Lejarrata.

The Italian, Massimiliano Lelli, won the four-up sprint, with Jean-François Bernard, of France, holding off the other two. Bugno, the World Cup titleholder, trailed in 13th and saw his overnight one-second deficit inflate to 1min 57sec.

IN BRIEF

Historic Hislop

STEVE Hislop became only the third rider in the 84-year history of the Isle of Man motorcycling event to collect three Tourist Trophies in a week. The Scot, aged 29, from Hawick, won the senior race at a record speed to record his eighth TT victory in all.

He took 1hr 52min 10.2sec to complete the six-lap 226-mile race, at an average speed of 121.09mph. He also set a lap record for the class on his final run at 123.27mph. Earlier in the week he had won the Formula One and Supersport 600 races besides finishing second in the 400 Supersport.

☐ The world championship leader, Michael Doohan, set the fastest practice time for tomorrow's Austrian 500cc grand prix at the Salzburgring in a works Honda.

BOXING: The WBO world middleweight contest on June 22 between the holder, Chris Eubank, and Michael Watson will be shown live from Earls Court on ITV.

CRICKET: The defending champion, Karen Corr, aged 21, from Bourne in Lincolnshire, will be among a record entry of 71 chasing a £12,000 first prize when the £40,000 Trusthouse Forte Hotels women's world championship begins in King's Lynn, tomorrow.

ICE HOCKEY: Chris Kelland, the Great Britain captain, has signed a two-year deal with Nottingham Panthers after 11 seasons with Murrayfield Racers.

POWERBOATING: Cesare Fiorio has joined the Italian team, Destriero, attempting to break the record for a crossing of the Atlantic next summer. Fiorio was dismissed as manager of the Ferrari Formula One motor racing team last month.

EQUESTRIANISM: Nigel Coupe and Crosby, twice successful at Hickstead last week, won the Take-Your-Own-Line event in the South of England Show at Ardingly.

Richards stands alone on grey day for West Indies

England hit back to leave Test delicately poised

By ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

HEADINGLEY (second day of five): West Indies, with two first-innings wickets in hand, are 32 runs behind England

CRICKET may never have been intended for wintry days on suspect pitches but here is living proof that the best contests often arise from the most unpromising conditions. England, hustled out for 198, retaliated so vibrantly on this second day that the first Cornhill Test match is open for either side to claim with the equivalent of one big punch.

Bowling aggressively and fielding with an athleticism to astound those confusing this team with the one masquerading under the same banner in Australia last winter, England dismantled all but one pillar of the West Indian batting in three riveting hours.

That the one remaining wheel on the West Indies wagon belongs to Vivian Richards is this morning's intriguing conundrum. Richards has so far made 73 in 128 minutes, batting for the most part with a sublime air of superiority; another hour of him at start of play could decide the match. For company, however, he has only the two batting also-rans of his shaken side.

Richards watched, gum-chewing and expressionless, as his batsmen showed all the fretful uncertainties that had plagued England 24 hours earlier. There was some admirable bowling, notably from DeFreitas, and some stunning fielding from Ramprakash and Hick. But, among the dismissals of the top seven batsmen, there were two run-outs and two woeful strokes. With conditions all in favour of the bowling side, this was charity gone mad.

England's innings extended 70 minutes into the day and added 24 runs. Not a lot, but potentially crucial in a game such as this. Despite weather more appropriate to February there was a much better crowd than on Thursday and, after Ambrose had summarily removed DeFreitas and Watkin, they enjoyed some cabaret from the last-wicket pair.

In the process of adding 17 runs with Pringle, Malcolm somehow negotiated 31 balls, not many of which threatened his stumps. Marshall might have put an end to it sooner but his hamstring injury kept him off the field; later, he could bat only with a runner, potentially an ominous handicap for West Indies when they bowl again today.

The light was better than at any stage of the game when West Indies began their innings but there was still no call for sunglasses. The ball swung extravagantly, despite a stiff breeze down the ground and the drop in temperatures, but at first neither Malcolm nor DeFreitas could control it. Simmons profited eagerly from their waywardness.

It was when Steve Watkin had his back slapped and his sweater taken by Gooch, straight after lunch, that the runaway train was halted. His first two overs in Test cricket were tentative sighters; in his third, and before conceding a run, he found the bounce and movement to defeat Haynes. The involuntary edge was grabbed, unusually clumsily, by Russell and the West Indian linchpin was gone.

Ramprakash had imposed himself upon his debut day and was to do so again now. First he leaped spectacularly to his right at cover-point to hold, two-handed, a full-blooded cut from Simmons. Two overs later, he ran out Hooper with a show of lithe co-ordination more often associated with the opposition, swooping, collecting and throwing down the stumps at the bowler's end in one glorious movement.

Richards was greeted by six men around the bat. He responded by on-driving Watkin for four and dancing meditatively on the spot, a familiar idiosyncracy when he feels in the mood. Malcolm was clubbed through cover. Pringle whipped through mid-wicket. The repertoire was rolling off his bat and his stand with Richardson was growing to decisive proportions when it ended in chaos.

Richardson, never as secure as his partner and once caught behind off a Malcolm no-ball, was right to call for a third run to long-off. Indeed he had all but completed the run when he saw his captain's back turned, and still he failed only by inches to regain his ground.

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Leaders in control, page 38

HEADINGLEY SCOREBOARD

West Indies won toss

ENGLAND: First Innings

		6s	4s	Min	Balls
*G A Gooch c Dujon b Marshall *Edge to wicketkeeper off leaping ball*	34	–	6	61	49
M A Atherton b Patterson *Too late for quicker ball*	2	–	–	22	16
G A Hick c Dujon b Walsh *Hanging bat out to ball wide of off stump*	6	–	1	51	31
A J Lamb c Hooper b Marshall *Edging lifting ball to slip*	11	–	1	55	37
M R Ramprakash c Hooper b Marshall *Involuntary shot to second slip*	27	–	4	142	103
R A Smith run out (Ambrose/Dujon) *Attempting tight second run*	54	–	7	135	88
†R C Russell lbw b Patterson *Beaten on front foot*	5	–	1	45	29
D R Pringle c Logie b Patterson *Flicked round to deep square leg*	16	–	–	111	73
P A J DeFreitas c Simmons b Ambrose *Edged shoulder-high to gully's left*	15	–	2	43	34
S L Watkin b Ambrose *Played inside full-length ball*	2	–	–	14	9
D E Malcolm not out	5	–	1	41	31
Extras (lb 5, w 2, nb 14)	21				
Total (79.2 overs, 366 min)	198				

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13 (Gooch 10 not out), 2-45 (Hick 6), 3-45 (Lamb 0), 4-64 (Ramprakash 5), 5-129 (Smith 38), 6-149 (Russell 4), 7-154 (Pringle 2), 8-177 (Pringle 7), 9-181 (Pringle 7).

BOWLING: Ambrose 26-8-49-2 (nb 8) (6-2-10-0, 12-3-26-0, 8-3-13-2); Patterson 26.2-8-67-3 (nb 9) (6-3-18-1, 7-1-25-0, 13.2-4-24-2); Walsh 14-7-31-1 (w 1, nb 3) (12-6-19-1, 2-1-12-0); Marshall 13-4-46-3 (w 1, nb4) (9-1-43-2, 4-3-3-1).

WEST INDIES: First Innings

		6s	4s	Min	Balls
P V Simmons c Ramprakash b DeFreitas *Square cut taken in mid-air at cover point*	38	–	6	77	62
D L Haynes c Russell b Watkin *Lifter taken at second attempt*	7	–	1	55	38
R B Richardson run out (Gooch/Russell) *Attempting third run, stranded in mid-pitch*	29	–	2	97	62
C L Hooper run out (Ramprakash) *Hit stumps at an angle running in from cover*	0	–	–	8	5
†I V A Richards not out	73	2	7	126	95
A L Logie c Lamb b DeFreitas *Back-foot shot edged to first slip*	6	–	1	25	15
†P J L Dujon c Ramprakash b Watkin *Half-hit shot to extra cover*	6	–	1	14	13
M D Marshall c Hick b Pringle *Low catch to second slip*	0	–	–	8	5
C E L Ambrose c Hick b DeFreitas *Shin-high catch at second slip*	0	–	–	4	3
C A Walsh not out	1	–	–	1	1
Extras (lb 1, nb 5)	6				
Total (8 wkts, 49.0 overs, 214mins)	166				

B P Patterson to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-36 (Simmons 27 not out), 2-54 (Richardson 7), 3-58 (Richardson 10), 4-102 (Richards 23), 5-139 (Richards 53), 6-156 (Richards 64), 7-160 (Richards 68), 8-165 (Richards 73).

BOWLING: Malcolm 14-0-69-0 (nb 5) (5-0-25-0, 9-0-44-0); DeFreitas 15-4-32-3 (11-3-20-1, 4-1-12-2); Watkin 14-2-55-2 (9-2-23-1, 5-0-32-1); Pringle 6-2-9-1 (5-2-6-0, 1-0-3-1).

Umpires: H D Bird and D R Shepherd.



Opening salvo: Watkin receives the plaudits from Gooch on taking his first Test wicket for England

Ramprakash shows how

JOHN WOODCOCK

ONE of the main reasons for England's failure in Australia last winter was that their side was chosen with an apparent disregard for ability in the field. On the 16 players in the original party, only Lewis (who was to return home) was absolutely in the top class. The majority were decidedly ordinary.

It was as though the selectors had not noticed that the potentially mediocre sides which play above themselves are those in which the fielders inspire the bowlers. More than once in the 20 years before they last played Test cricket, South Africa were uplifted by the wonders they performed in the field. Yesterday, at Headingley, it was two wonderful pieces of work at cover point by Ramprakash which first changed the course of the game, and two good catches by another newcomer, Hick, which helped to keep West Indies under pressure.

It would be hard to imagine much less congenial conditions in which to launch a Test career as a batsman than Hick and Ramprakash encountered on Thursday. In the event, Ramprakash's technique coped rather better than Hick's; but it was no time for jumping to conclusions. I am sure that Hick has a great future as an England batsman, just as his slip catching will be a valuable asset.

Many of the best batsmen, through seeing the ball so early, have been among the safest slip catchers – Hammond, Duleepsinhji, Cowdrey, Bobby Simpson and Greg Chappell to name a few. Richie Richardson of the present West Indian side is another, and, writing from Headingley, I must mention Philip Sharpe of Yorkshire.

Gooch, too did his bit yesterday by helping to run Richardson out. I am not at all sure that England did, in fact, bowl any better for all this, but it was wonderful what it did for their spirit.

Despite Simmons's confidence and the authority with which Richards played later on, West Indies have no more reason themselves to be sure of their batting than England have of theirs. Hooper has now scored only six hundreds in 123 first-class innings, Simmons seven in 119 and Logie 13 in 227.

If England had been unlucky to have to bat on Thursday, conditions yesterday were no less favourable for bowling. Although it was colder, the ball seemed if anything to swing rather more. There has as yet been no spin in the match, and there is unlikely to be any. England anyway don't have a spinner in their side, or the presence of one, and the outfield is so green and lush that the ball keeps its shine as though polished by a duster.

When the faster bowlers can move it about as they have here, the spinner becomes superfluous. The danger then, unfortunately, is that the game becomes stereotyped and therefore boring. This has been stereotyped and eventful: very eventful.

An ominous sighting to finish with. During the lunch interval, in one of several games of Kwik Cricket being played by young children on the outfield, I saw a boy, perhaps an eight-year-old, attempting a reverse sweep. Oh Gatting, what have you started!

Faldo loses putting touch

From MITCHELL PLATTS
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NICK Faldo followed his first round of 72 with a move encouraging 69 in the Buick Classic on the west course at Westchester Country Club here yesterday. Faldo, however, acknowledges that all is not well. The game within the game – putting – has baffled Faldo in the past and it is doing so again. He needs to find consistency if he is to be a factor in the US Open, which starts at Hazeltine, Chaska, Minnesota, next Thursday.

There is no question that Faldo's ability to grind it out at such times as now is in his favour. Yet his resilience is being severely examined because a loss of touch with the putter inevitably leads to a lack of authority with other clubs in the bag.

Faldo struck the ball well at times on a glorious morning. Indeed, his round included one of the best bunker shots he has hit. Even so, he also played too many indifferent shots for a golfer who prides himself on perfection. It was the putter, however, that betrayed him as early as the first hole. He needed to use it three times, missing from four feet. Then he failed to hole from not much longer for a birdie at the second.

Faldo's tee shot at the third flew left behind a tree. David Leadbetter, his coach, said that at times he becomes too cramped over the ball which leads to him hitting it to the left. "But the swing is improving," Faldo said. "I'm working on a few other things with David."

A birdie at the fifth, where he did hole a good putt of nine feet, provided hope but at the seventh, Faldo unaccountably hit over the green with a wedge. It is not in Faldo's repertoire to make such unforced errors.

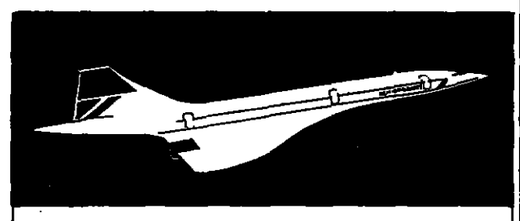
Faldo got back to level par at the ninth where he two-putted after reaching the green with a driver and a three wood. He made seven successive pars from the turn although the 15th highlighted the topsy-turvy nature of his game at present. He hit a splendid drive on the nominated line and faded the ball round a huge tree marking where the hole dog-legs to the right. His next went into a bunker, 25 feet from the hole, but his shot from the sand was a delight to watch.

Faldo assured himself of making the halfway cut when, with birdies at the 17th and 18th, he finished with a total of 141, which left him seven shots behind Paul Azinger (68) and Chris Perry (68), the early leaders.

Azinger, who had six birdies in his last eight holes, and Perry established the halfway lead at 134, eight under par. Fred Couples moved to within one with a 65 and Hale Irwin, the defending champion, completed a 69 to be only two adrift before Severiano Ballesteros and José-María Olazábal teed off late in the day.

LEADING SECOND ROUND SCORES (US unless stated) 134: P Azinger, 66, 68; C Perry, 68, 66. 135: F Couples, 70, 65. 136: J Inman, 68, 68; H Irwin, 67, 69; P Parsons, 68, 68. 137: R Floyd, 69, 68. 138: W Grady (Aus), 67, 71. 139: E Aubrey, 68, 71, M Hubert, 69 70; N Henke, 69, 70. 140: D Canipe, 67, 73; N Twitty, 70, 70; J Delaney, 71, 69; S Elkington (Aus), 73, 67; J Gallagher, 69, 70. 141: M Hallet, 72 69; R Cochran, 73, 68; L Roberts, 68, 73; J Anderson, 70, 71. N Faldo (GB), 72, 69; J Cindaler, 72, 69

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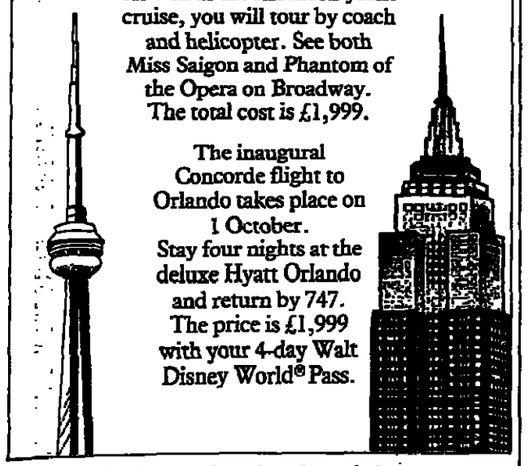


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An off-beat notion that strikes the wrong note

SIMON BARNES ON SATURDAY

This week, this column is chock-a-block with reforming zeal. The noble notion of keeping politics out of sport has long been shown to be wishful thinking. But perhaps we can do something about another creeping evil, and keep *rock music* out of sport. Since when was it assumed that everyone who likes sport must like rock music? With every passing event, we seem to get more and more of it.

Television is a wickedly consistent offender. You cannot turn on a sports programme without getting ten minutes of highlights combining spicy slow-motion action and a thumping bass riff. This is both pretentious and irritating. The England rugby team's promoters plan a cinema commercial which will show us the scoring of great tries against a background of very groovy and slightly dated rock music.

Live events blast old Bruce Springsteen records through the public address system at a volume in which it takes an act of faith to distinguish anything beyond the crash of the bass. Watching the American football at Wembley takes this principle far beyond the threshold of pain. I wish sport, and televised sport in particular, did not spend all its time trying to appeal to people who do not really like sport. It drives people who like sport quite mad, not to mention deaf. Sport does not need to be tarted up: it is good enough to stand alone.

Racial rulings

Three schools were about to contest a golf match at Caldwell Parish Country Club in Louisiana recently. The eight members of St Frederick Catholic high school team were hitting balls on the driving range when Bill McGee, the club manager, said that one player, Dondré Green, would not be allowed to play, because he is black. "This is a private club and it has the discretion to bar whoever it wants." But this was not a membership issue. It was "like a club offering to host a PGA Tour event and then refusing to allow a black pro to tee off", according to the American magazine, *Sports Illustrated*. However, times have changed down there, for all that this is sometimes hard to believe. The club, much criticised, plans to review its racial policy.

☐ *More news on cricket's slow and steady progress towards becoming the world's No. 1 game by the start of the 23rd century. There will be two new nations applying for affiliate membership of the International Cricket Council. These are Germany and Belgium, and they are thought to have an excellent chance of getting in and joining Italy, France and Switzerland as European affiliates. The next nations to seek admission are likely to be Sweden, Spain and Austria. All the same, England could probably put out the strongest team in the Common Market . . . but then it once had the strongest team in the Commonwealth, didn't it?*

Pointing the finger

This column has been upbraided for sexism, and can only hang its head in shame. Ann Youngs wrote to me to point out that a recent piece I had written on club cricket umpires implied that umpires are necessarily male. Ann Youngs is a club cricket umpire and she tells me that there are plenty of female umps officiating at this level all over the country. She says that these people, as well as the legion of female scorers, deserve more recognition than they get. She is right. All I can say in defence is that I have never played in a game of cricket in which the umpires were not members of the batting side. Tactically this can be interesting: it means a fielding captain need never place a fielder at square leg. A square-leg umpire in white trousers always looks like a fielder himself, and so a run in his direction is invariably declined.

The last dance

Faithful readers will, of course, recall the Ickey Shuffle: one of the most exciting sports stories of the past decade. This concerned a chap called Ickey Woods, an American footballer with the Cincinnati Bengals. The entire media coverage of the 1989 Super Bowl centred on the Ickey Shuffle: this was a silly little dance that Ickey performed in order to be famous and to celebrate scoring touchdowns.

Now, if Ickey does it again, he could be fined by the National Football League. American football, not a sport famous for its distaste for razzmatazz, has suddenly gone all on its dignity. "We have the best athletes in the world and they're paid to be athletes, not dancers," the New Orleans Saints president, Jim Finks, said. "Where does it stop? Someone's going to out-Ickey Ickey." Perish the thought. It is still permissible to spike the ball – throw it at the ground so it will bounce back jolly high – and you are allowed to exchange high fives with your colleagues.

American football is so much more restrained and dignified than cricket these days. The antics of the finger-flickin' West Indian captain, Viv Richards, would surely be outlawed by the NFL. On one controversial occasion he memorably explained his flamboyant method of appealing thus: "My little jig was very ceremonial." The Vivi Shuffle lives on.

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